



CRAWFORD COUNTY AVALANCHE



GHS ski team 8B

Jail/road patrol millage discussed

Millage proposal
could be on a
ballot as early as
this summer

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

District #1 Crawford County Commissioner Harold "Tike" Golnick announced at the most recent Law Enforcement Committee meeting that a small committee planned to meet soon to discuss the possibility of a millage proposal for the Sheriff's Department.

Golnick, who also serves as the committee's chairman, said the committee will attempt to come up with a millage proposal to create "jail funding and 24-hour road patrol," to be brought to the voters possibly as soon as this summer.

The committee, comprised of Golnick, District #5 Commissioner Elizabeth Wieland, Sheriff Dave Lovely and Detective Rich Meyer, is scheduled to meet at 10 a.m. on February 28.

FREDERIC FIFTH GRADERS GRADUATE FROM D.A.R.E.



Photo courtesy of the Crawford County D.A.R.E. Program

Frederic Elementary fifth grade students graduated from the D.A.R.E. anti-drug, anti-alcohol and anti-violence program on February 16 before a crowd of family and friends. The students are accompanied for the photo by their teacher, Ron Olson (back left) and Deputy Randy Herman (back right), D.A.R.E. program coordinator for the Crawford AuSable School District. The graduation was held a week later than originally planned due to a snow day. For more, see Page 3A.

Area code change finalized

517 to switch to
989 on April 7

After two delays in the past year, the 517 area code in northeastern Michigan, including Crawford and Roscommon Counties, will finally switch over to 989 on April 7.

The change comes as the Saginaw Local Access Transport Area is separated from the Lansing LATA, which will keep the 517 area code. Part of the "thumb" area of Michigan, as well as much of the central part of the state, will also switch over to the new 989 area code.

During the transition, both 517 and 989 will function until October 6 when 989 area code usage becomes mandatory. After that date, anyone calling a former 517 accessed number will hear a recording reminding them of the change and asking them to dial with the new 989 code.

The new area code is needed because the current 517 area is run-
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Patti's victim of burglary

CPD has suspect in
restaurant break-in

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

The Grayling Police Department (CPD) is investigating the early morning break-in and burglary of Patti's Towne House, a local restaurant on the I-75 Business Loop.

According to Detective Dennis Long, between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. on Tuesday, February 27, someone broke a small glass window in a door at the restaurant in order to enter, then took the "start-up cash" and left. Long said less than \$300 was taken.

Thus far in the investigation, Long said CPD forensics specialists have collected evidence including photos of footwear tracks and snowmobile track impressions left by who they believe is the perpetrator.

Police believe the thief parked his/her snowmobile behind Chemical Bank North, proceeded through the small wooded area behind the two businesses, committed the crime, then returned to his snowmobile and left.

Long said his department has developed one suspect and is attempting to locate the individual for an interview regarding the crime.

No horsin' around with this disease



Photo courtesy of Dixie Lobeinger

Eighty horses and ponies were tested last Saturday, February 24 for EIA (Equine Infectious Anemia) at a low cost clinic held at Hawk Hill Farm in Beaver Creek Township. A new state law mandates that horses, ponies and donkeys be tested for the fatal disease. Cases of the disease have been reported as far north as Clare County. Pictured is Ray Priebe with one of his charges, "Cindy" the Clydesdale, whose owners reside in Florida. Dr. Donna Simons, DVM, (right) prepares to draw blood for EIA or "Coggins" testing. Another clinic is planned April 28.

Road Commission to shut down brine well

Oscoda to use well
only for the rest of
winter, Crawford no
longer using it

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Crawford County Road Commission (CCRC) Board agreed to lease the county's brine well on Martindale Road to the Oscoda County Road Commission (OCRC) for the rest of the winter, after deciding to close the well due to high levels of hydrogen sulfide found in the brine at the location.

The Road Commission's Board of Commissioners and Managing Director believe the high levels of hydrogen sulfide detected could pose a risk to the brine truck's operator, and the board decided to close the well on Thursday, February 15.

Hydrogen sulfide is a gas that can be released from brine when the liquid is agitated, and too much of the gas can be lethal, Road Commission Managing Director Don Babcock said.

"All brines have a certain amount of hydrogen sulfide, it's just very excessive in the Martindale well," said Babcock.

The Road Commission and Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) have been regularly testing the brine and groundwater near the Martindale well since a major brine spill occurred at the

location last fall.

Two weeks ago, the board received the results of more tests, part of which indicated that the hydrogen sulfide levels of the brine were above 1,500 parts per million. The allowable limit is 500 p.p.m., and the test only goes up to 1,500 p.p.m., Road Commission officials said, so it is unknown exactly how much the brine exceeds the limit for hydrogen sulfide.

After the Road Commission Board received the test results showing high hydrogen sulfide levels, the commissioners decided to close the Martindale well immediately.

Oscoda County, however, also uses the brine well, and asked the CCRC Board to consider letting the Oscoda Road Commission continue drawing brine from the well until the end of the current winter.

The board scheduled a special meeting for Tuesday, February 20, to discuss the matter with Oscoda County.

On Tuesday, OCRC Managing Director Luke Houlton explained that the brine is currently Oscoda's "sole source for ice control," and it would be "disastrous" for the county if the brine source were to be cut off with such short notice.

Oscoda County does not have a brine well, and the OCRC does not have any storage facility for salt, Houlton said.

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Retired Frederic constable honored by County Board

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

After 20 years of service and one year of well-deserved retirement, longtime Frederic Township Constable Charles "Chuck" Stoddard was recognized by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners who recently passed a resolution honoring him.

In a small ceremony witnessed by those in attendance at the February 21 regular County Board meeting, Stoddard received a framed copy of the resolution drafted in his honor. His wife, Anna, and daughter Glenda Dunckley were by his side as District #4 Commissioner Lynnette Corlew read aloud the document in its entirety.

In the resolution Stoddard was recognized for his exemplary leadership and vision, as well as his tireless work to fulfill services to the public through support of law enforcement with admiration from the community he served. The Board stated their appreciation for his 20 years of faithfully upholding his oath to protect and serve, then led a round of applause.

Stoddard began his career as constable January 1, 1980 and retired on January 1, 2000.



Photo by Cheryl Ruley

Although his retirement began over a year ago, longtime Frederic Constable Charles "Chuck" Stoddard was honored on February 21 by the Crawford County Board of Commissioners for his 20 years of service. From left are Stoddard's daughter Glenda Dunckley, his wife Anna, Stoddard himself and District #4 Commissioner Lynnette Corlew.

Feds step up investigation of minivan springs

After hundreds of owners complained about broken front coil springs, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) is actively investigating the problem concerning Ford Windstar minivans.

According to the NHTSA, about 200 complaints have been filed with the federal safety agency and Ford Motor Company regarding the broken springs.

Ford has also handled about 300 warranty claims possibly related to

the investigation, though some may be duplicates.

Through its current investigation, the NHTSA has found evidence that, for the most part, spring breakage occurs in states that experience cold weather, where salt and de-icing chemicals are used on roads. In many cases, tires were punctured as a result of the front coil spring breakage.

The main objective of the investigation is to attempt to determine if the breakage represents a safety

defect requiring a manufacturer's recall. The NHTSA has recently upgraded the investigation from a preliminary evaluation to higher level, that of an engineering analysis.

Ford maintains the problem is not "an unreasonable risk to safety," said one NHTSA spokesperson. In an article published in the February 19 edition of the *Automotive News*, federal investigators have stated they believe a collapsed suspension or punctured tire could cause a vehi-

cle to go out of control. Ford is cooperating with the investigation.

Windstars targeted in the investigation are model years 1995 through 1998.

About 925,000 of them are on the road. At least one vehicle in Crawford County is involved in the investigation.

To find information regarding any investigation on any vehicle or to read complaints filed by vehicle owners, log on to the NHTSA web site at: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/

Bill to aid seniors with prescription drug costs

Washington, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Dave Camp (R-Midland) said he applauds President Bush's bipartisan proposal to help our nation's elderly get immediate help to obtain the prescription drugs they need to live a healthy, enjoyable life.

"The President has kept his commitment to seniors by proposing an initiative to help our nation's elderly to get affordable, voluntary, and accessible," said Camp.

The President's Immediate Helping Hand proposal represents an immediate bridge to needy seniors until bipartisan comprehensive Medicare reform can be enacted into law.

The President has been encouraged by his recent conversations

with congressional leaders that bipartisan comprehensive Medicare reform could happen sooner rather than later.

"There are 38 million Medicare beneficiaries many which face prohibitively high drug costs," said Camp. "It is important that our seniors don't have to choose between buying food and purchasing their prescription drugs," said Camp.

The President's Immediate Helping Hand proposal will provide funds to states, beginning immediately upon enactment, to help them launch prescription drug plans for Medicare beneficiaries who are least able to afford needed prescriptions.

"The bill will provide catastrophic coverage for all Medicare beneficiaries, giving them financial security against the risk of very high out-of-pocket drug costs," said Camp. "Medicare was created 35 years ago to provide security to America's

seniors. Currently, three in 10 Medicare beneficiaries have no insurance coverage for prescription drugs. We must guarantee that all seniors have access to prescription drug coverage within the Medicare program."

City seeks candidates for its Brownfield rep

The City of Grayling is currently looking for city resident, city business owner, or city property owner volunteers to serve on the county's recently established Brownfield Redevelopment Authority.

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners voted unanimously on February 21 to create the Authority immediately following a public hearing held at 10 a.m.

A Brownfield Redevelopment Authority helps reclaim contaminated or blighted areas by offering tax incentives to businesses that

move in and clean up the area and build new structures.

The county has asked for the City of Grayling and Crawford County townships to each appoint a board member and an alternate to help fill the nine-member Brownfield Authority Board.

"In the city we have more potential to use this than anyone, I think," said City Manager Allen Lowe.

Anyone interested in serving as the city's representative on the Brownfield Board should contact City Manager Lowe at 348-2131.

McNamara reappointed as Medical Examiner

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

For years, doctors at the Grayling Family Practice Clinic have shared the distinction of serving the county as Medical Examiners and Deputies. The Crawford County Board of Commissioners recently reappointed Dr. William McNamara, M.D. as Medical Examiner for another four year term.

With the title of Medical

Examiner comes the responsibility of deputizing three other doctors to serve as examiner if and when a situation warrants their services. Dr. McNamara has selected Dr. Lisa Harrington, D.O., Dr. Charles Gosling, M.D. of Grayling Family Practice and Dr. Thad Jackson, D.O. of Mercy Family Medicine in Grayling to serve as his deputies.

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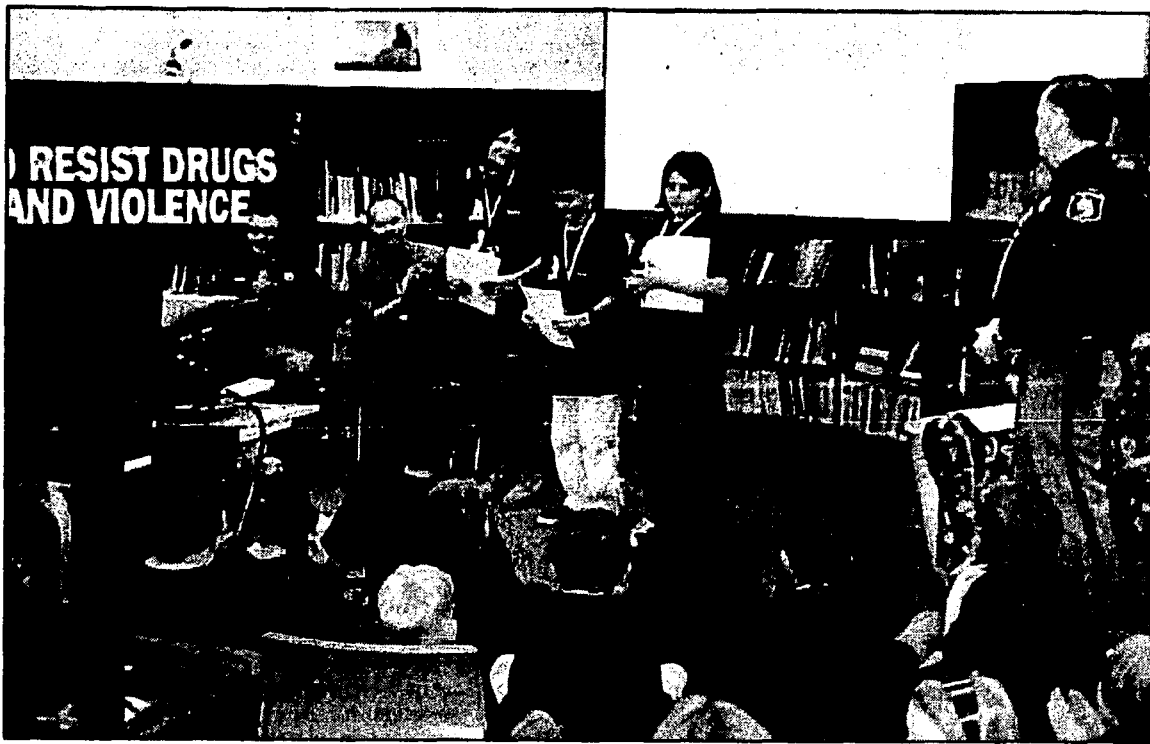
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Frederic 5th graders graduate from D.A.R.E.

Frederic Elementary D.A.R.E. essay winners (from left) Evie Clark, Adam Gabriel and Mindy Ray share their writings with fellow fifth graders at the D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony in the school's media center. Juvenile Officer Deputy Shawn Kraycs, teacher Ron Olson (both seated) and D.A.R.E. coordinator, Deputy Randy Herman (standing) listen, too, and offer a round of applause.



Commissioners make appointments to local boards

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A flurry of expiring and vacant seats on local boards have kept the Crawford County Board of Commissioners busy interviewing and appointing to those positions.

In January, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Beaver Creek resident Michael Pung to the Crawford County Planning Commission. His term expires December 29, 2003.

At the Board's February 21 regular meeting, the commissioners appointed Thomas Barnes, of

Grayling Township, to the Crawford County Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) and reappointed Wallace Kidwell, of South Branch Township, to the same. Both men's terms expire December 31, 2003. Barnes replaces Pat Merrill who recently resigned from the ZBA.

To the Crawford County Housing Commission, the commissioners appointed Grayling city resident, Sandra Coe. She replaces longtime member John Alef and her term will expire April 15, 2006.

The Board made its first appointments to the Grayling Fish Hatchery

Restoration Project Steering Committee, since its charter members were approved.

Judy Fuller of Lovells Township and Kevin Garrity of Grayling Township will serve on the steering committee for two years, until February 21, 2003.

A vacancy on the Crawford County Commission on Aging will need to be filled by the County Board within the next 30 days due to the resignation of Gerald Zinzo. The county is currently advertising for applicants to that board. To be appointed applicants must be a resi-

dent of Crawford County and have a genuine interest in the welfare of and programs for county senior citizens.

The county will also seek candidates to fill two seats on the Crawford County Compensation Committee, formed just last year to determine salaries of county elected officials. The charter one-year terms of Lynn Porritt-McConnell and Donald Schanz will expire April 14.

The County Board has the option of reappointing the two if they so wish to continue serving.

Local eateries left two nights in the dark

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

A power outage spanning nearly three days left the local McDonald's and Big Boy restaurants in the dark and unable to serve customers.

According to Big Boy General Manager Shelly Quintano, power supplier Consumers Energy is blaming the outage on a "worn out" exterior power cable connecting the two

restaurants at an electrical box located behind the Big Boy facility. Quintano said the cable had been installed partially underground for a number of years.

Quintano said the electricity went off Sunday, February 25 at about 7:10 p.m. She said she waited until 10 p.m. to close and send her crew home, hoping the power would be restored. Power was finally

restored at about 1:15 a.m. on Tuesday, February 27, more than 14 hours after originally indicated by the power company.

Big Boy lost about \$150 in food. "We were real lucky. Our freezer and walk-in maintained a low enough temperature," Quintano said. She estimates lost sales due to the outage at about \$3,000.

McDonald's manager Phil Weiler

was unavailable for comment at press time and his restaurant was still without power.

A number of area residences and businesses experienced intermittent, short and long periods without power due to the winter storm that passed through Saturday evening and Sunday morning, February 24-25.

The storm brought high winds, snow, sleet, freezing rain and rain before it was all over.

Stupak helps change consent form on drug possibly linked to suicide

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Late last month, Rep. Bart Stupak (D-MI) said the new medication guide and the revised informed consent form approved by the Food and Drug Administration as good first steps toward informing users of the acne drug Accutane of the drug's risks.

"When I and seven other members of the U.S. House wrote to FDA Commissioner Jane Henney in October, we outlined several essential steps to help provide the public with adequate information on the serious adverse psychiatric effects that may be associated with Accutane," Stupak said.

"There are additional steps that we believe the FDA and the manufacturer, Hoffman-LaRoche, Inc., should take, but the updated information for consumers is a good beginning to that effort."

The new forms specifically address possible psychiatric side effects, expanding on a warning

which had earlier been issued for the drug. The original warning addressed the confirmed links between Accutane and birth defects.

Other steps urged by the bipartisan group of congressmen include conducting post market studies on the potential link of Accutane to suicide, suicide attempts, suicide ideation and depression, and asking Hoffman-LaRoche to cease all direct-to-consumer marketing of the drug.

Stupak, whose 17-year old son took his own life in May 2000 while taking the drug, has with his wife, Laurie, been waging a campaign to focus public awareness on potential links between the drug and severe changes in mental state, including sudden onset of depression and suicide.

House members joining Stupak in letters to the FDA and Hoffman-LaRoche were Rep. Tom Barrett (D-WI), Rep. Sherrod Brown (D-

OH), Rep. Ed Bryant (R-TN), Rep. Tom Coburn (R-OK), Rep. Marge Roukema (R-NJ), Rep. Zach Wamp (R-TN), and Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA).

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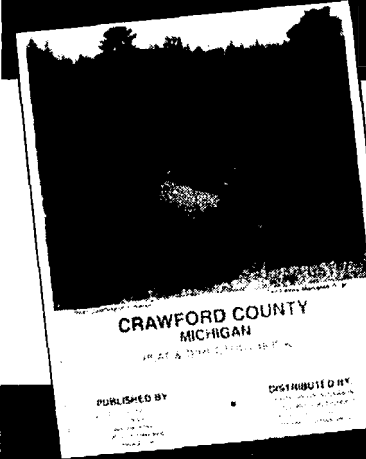
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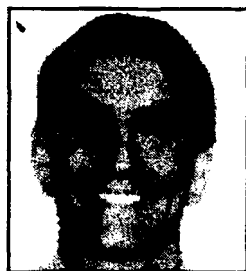
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Dirk Milliman

Our next governor will be... not John Engler

It's only the first quarter of 2001.

Only last month did we finally find out who our new president is. Our new representatives are only now settling in to their new offices in Lansing and Washington. Our newest Senator has only just found her office.

Our new local and county officials around Michigan have been the busiest. They hit the ground fast by doing all those little things they said they would do as the reason they ran for the offices they won. Now the reality of day to day elected life -- in addition to private life and business life -- will begin to truly sink in.

But we Michigan voters will not even have to make the trek to the election booth to pick our new governor for almost 21 months. That's a whole 'nother winter away.

Yet each day, the media is full of predictions and prognostications, reporting who is running, who will run, who will win and who would win if the election were held today.

Today, our new governor would be our old governor. No, not our new old governor. Gov. John Engler is prevented by term limits from seeking his third consecutive term.

However, our governor has almost two years left and he has proven himself a crafty political wizard. Maybe in the next couple of months a rumbling will surface with an outcry to change the rules and keep the best darn governor we've ever had. Stay, John, stay!

If we were voting today, our new governor would be old Gov. Jim Blanchard.

The most recent poll conducted shows former Gov. Blanchard leading all other contenders from the two major parties.

Blanchard served as Michigan governor from 1983 to 1990. He has taken the big step of forming a committee, announcing his intentions and investigating his prospects of a run for his old job.

He currently has his name associated with a law firm. The former congressman still has connections in Washington, and he protected our borders from invasion in his stint as Ambassador to Canada. He has published a book, and had his name floated several times for other posts in the Clinton administration. He also surfaces as a name for Senate seats every few years.

The early knock on his run is that many hardcore Democrats would hold it against him that he lost the top job to big underdog

Engler back in 1990. Many think that his loss began the erosion of the Democratic power base in Michigan. Today, Engler has the House, the Senate, the Supreme Court and has been free to appoint his loyalists to every open position for the past decade.

So Bring Back Blanchard is the poll answer for today.

Please also note that this poll is the product of answers from only 600 voters. Not a big slice of the voting pie.

Also running on the Democratic side are Rep. David Bonior, a life-long Congressman from the Detroit area. He has been a thorn in the side of state Republicans on a national level since Bill Clinton was elected. Now that the GOP will control the 2000 census-based redistricting, Bonior will most likely be redistricted out of his seat and will need to seek other employment. Obviously, he has gotten that same message.

State Senators Gary Peters and Alma Wheeler Smith are currently listed as "alsos" in the current polling.

Michigan Attorney General Jennifer Granholm continues to be a favorite choice among the Democrats. She has swept into Lansing and replaced life-long Attorney General legend Frank Kelley with narry a

public hitch.

She is an articulate candidate who campaigns well. She has the state-wide recognition needed to launch a run for Governor.

Unfortunately, she is not a candidate. She has a full-time job that she is just now getting comfortable with. She has stated many times that she only wants to be attorney general. And no matter who her friends in the party push her, she is sticking to her story.

Also, once she announces her intentions to run for governor -- or to investigate her chances -- she falls into a new structure for tracking her activities and reporting on them. The line is then drawn between attorney general Granholm and candidate Granholm. To date, she does not want that line drawn.

Ditto for Lt. Gov. Dick Posthumus. Currently the Republican heir-apparent, he has not announced his intention to grab his bosses' job. He prefers his posture as the state's number two man in his travels and appearances, while letting others float his name and candidacy.

The Republican side of the upcoming race will be interesting, too. In addition to Posthumus, Secretary of State Candice Miller will run. She enjoys the same state-

wide recognition that Granholm does, has held her seat in an election, hails from the much-needed Detroit metro area and has been a loyal party player. Can she beat Posthumus, the anointed son?

Does the name Al Gore ring a bell? He was the last high level anointed one. And now he's teaching journalists in a secret class somewhere.

State Senator Joe Schwarz will run. He too, has a long history of service to the GOP, and will make a run if he feels he can make it a good one.

His service, however, has been limited mostly to his constituent area. He will need to work hard to build up his name ID around the state, something Blanchard, Granholm, Posthumus, et al. have already done.

So, if today were election day, Jim Blanchard is our new governor. That's the way it is today.

If you don't like that outcome, tune in again next week. The pollsters need to keep working. The candidates will keep exploring. It's Michigan. Things will change.

Dirk Milliman is President of Milliman Communications. He is filling in for his father, who has the month off.

EDITOR

Young volunteer found friend, mother, teacher in Dixie

To the editor,

My starts with walking dogs with my mom in May 1992. From there I became Dixie's "right hand kid." I was only 12, going on 13. I didn't know anything about dogs and cats. Sure, I've had pets (rabbits, hamsters, etc.); we even had couple of dogs and cats as I was growing up. How many kids don't? But, to know anything about breeds and such... no.

When I started volunteering at the shelter, I was what Dixie called her 13-lb weakling. I could barely lift a bag of cat litter. I didn't know what true friends were. Sure, I had friends in school, but I was never close to anyone. Dixie became a friend, almost like a mother. I started hanging around her house as much as my own mother would allow me, just as much as all of Dixie's other "adopted" kids did.

It makes me very mad to hear all the bad things being said about her. How she wouldn't allow anyone to help her. How certain people are implying that the shelter was never taken care of properly. How her records were not kept up to date. And on, and on, and on. How dare you! You obviously know nothing about her or what kind of person she is.

I have helped paint that animal shelter on more than one occasion; many of us kids did. We were all covered in paint and had a great time doing it. I'm sure most of the community remembers when a bunch of us painted all the doghouses with wild colors and graphics. I have

seen Dixie many times on her hands and knees fixing fences; whatever she could do she did to save the money for the things she felt were really important.

Let's talk about a few of the things I've seen her do for the animals. I remember a certain German Shepherd dog that came to the shelter full of holes from someone beating him, porcupine quills, and a broken leg from a shotgun blast. He could have been put down, but she took him to the vet and worked hard to get him well. The abused animals were all special to her. She felt they all needed to know that there could be kindness dished out by humans, not just pain and suffering. This dog was named "Frost." Do you remember him? Without her kind heart, he would have been dead. But, he lived a good life and a fund was started at that time to help others like him.

I remember a springer spaniel who came in full of porcupine quills. The maggots were literally crawling in and out of his mouth and every other part of his body. His owner had knowingly left him like that and gone on vacation. Dixie spent hour upon hour removing quills and maggots and disinfecting his wounds. He is alive today and in a very loving home. His name is "Jake." He was the first dog neutered through the low cost spay/neuter program.

The stories all of us could tell! Crawling around under houses to save an old cat that was hanging from a nail for a week; crawling around under All Storage to save a

dog later named "Freeway". He had been hit by a car on the expressway. The list goes on and on. Freeway still lives with his loving family, too, by the way. Did Dixie have to do this? No, she did it because she lives her life for the animals. This is what these people have taken away from her and away from you, the public! Someone who truly cared for and loved these animals, and has risked her life to save them many times.

I do know I used to have some respect for a certain person, because teachers are supposed to be your mentors. I lost that a long time ago. I cannot stand to see Dixie in pain; it breaks my heart, but I have watched for three years. And, that teacher I used to respect, along with others, is responsible. She could never have begun to teach me the life lessons I have learned from Dixie, the person who deserves the respect of the

whole community.

I have rarely been at the shelter in the last three years, but it was my life for the six years before. I gave every day I could to help the animals and Dixie. She allowed us kids to make mistakes and she always picked us up, and lectured us when we did not listen. She was a true teacher! We learned about life, the good side and the bad side, and we learned that death comes to all creatures. Sometimes it comes much sooner than it should.

I regret not being there anymore, but I guess I would not want to be now. It could never be the same without Dixie there. She loves the animals and for six years I saw that and a lot more... a lot more than, obviously, "the board" has.

Cassie Maples
Grayling

Volunteering helps people as well as dogs and cats

To the editor,

My favorite day of the week is the day I spend volunteering at the Animal Shelter of Crawford County. How many places can you go where everyone is glad to see you? The Animal Shelter is such a place.

There are no sides to take at the Shelter. There are only loving dogs and cats who cannot wait to see your face. Dogs race past the food and water you deliver for a chance to feel your warm touch and hear your gentle words of encouragement.

Walking a shelter dog, holding a

lonely puppy, or scratching the ears of a cat will put a smile on their face and yours. You will instantly see the difference you make in their lives.

The staff and volunteers at the Shelter will be happy to see you. While caring for the dogs and cats, you will be too busy to discuss anything but the needs of individual animals. Come spend a few hours and make a dog or cat feel wanted. I guarantee you will also feel better.

Sandra L. Crandall
Grayling

Communities are responsible for their school buildings

To the editor,

In 1994, Proposal A increased sales tax by 2% and reduced property taxes for Crawford AuSable School District from 26.72 mills down to 6 mills. The 6 mills from property tax and monies provided by the state sales tax are for operational costs. These costs include salaries, maintenance, text books, utilities, transportation, and any other expenses involved in day to day operations.

A bond issue is to provide buildings. It is a community's responsibility to raise funds for new or improved buildings since the state

does not.

Grayling High School's roof leaks. Leaks did not stop when the last vote went down. Five-gallon drip pails are liberally sprinkled throughout the rooms and halls. Heating and ventilation are inadequate and unreliable. Science labs need to be expanded and updated. The technology equipment that the high school already has is cramped together and difficult to use.

The need is real and has not gone away.

Marge Franklin
Grayling

When something's just not right, call for help

To the editor,

This week I heard a story that sickened me. It was just a new story about an old problem; it could happen to any of us. I have seen, and been involved, in this same situation over and over in the last 13 years. I will never get used to it.

The story generally begins with, but is not limited to, an elderly person who lives by themselves. They usually have a set daily routine, often followed for years. These people are basically recluses, but do strike up cordial friendships with the people who wait on them daily. There are usually pets involved because they are the only real "friends" these people have. Often they are animal collectors and they feel the animals give a purpose to their lives. The animals are generally well cared for until something happens.

The people who are involved in this daily routine will start to notice changes, sometimes very subtle, such as coming at a different time than usual. The changes become increasingly noticeable (coming in a second time and not realizing they had already been there, or smelling bad, no longer caring for themselves). These are all signs of depression or perhaps dementia and we need to pay attention. These signs should send up a red flag to those who notice them. You need to call the proper authorities. I would rather make 10 calls that were unfounded than miss one that was not.

I am also guilty in this latest story. In November, I received a complaint that I passed on to the City Police Department. Had I been given even a small portion of the information I have now, I would

certainly have pursued the situation much more aggressively. I have known this person for a long time and I knew the pattern they followed daily. No one told me of the changes they had been seeing and I don't think I asked. Perhaps I was too wrapped up in my own problems to pursue the truth. I have no excuse and certainly accept my share of the blame. After all, I have witnessed this same problem many times over.

Unfortunately, there had been no utilities for several months. I also think utility companies should be bound by law to report when these people are shut off. This person had burned himself badly trying to stay warm with a portable heater and there were many sick and dead animals discovered when the authorities got there. Apathy is one of the greatest enemies of our society.

Please, if you know someone who fits the above description, pay attention to the changes in their daily routines. When that "red light" goes on, call Adult Protective Services (Family Independence Agency). Don't wait to hear the alarm; it may be too late by then. Just make the call and be happy if your suspicions are unfounded. I wish I had been told of the changes in this person's routine, I would not have been ashamed to make the call for help. This person could have been spared a lot of pain and frustration, and the animals' lives may have been saved, too. Any one of us could find ourselves in this position some day. Once again, it is a story I have heard and seen all too often.

Dixie Lobsinger
Grayling

Letters to the Editor

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BRIEFS

Senior Center plans Sunday Brunch

The Commission on Aging Senior Center will hold a Sunday Brunch on March 4, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Creamed chipped beef on toast, eggs and fruit bar will be offered. For more details on this and other events at the Senior Center, call 348-7123. Tax services for seniors will also be offered March 8 and 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please call for a time slot.

Master Gardeners to discuss daylilies

It is time to begin thinking of gardening again. The Master Gardeners invite everyone interested to attend their Monday, March 12 meeting when Advanced Master Gardener Barb Bishoff will be giving a talk on "Daylilies." The meeting will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Lyon Township Hall. You need not be a Master Gardener to attend and learn about daylilies, or to ask questions about this plant or other gardening problems. For more information, call president Jean at (517) 366-5169.

World Day of Prayer this Friday

World Day of Prayer this year is Friday, March 2 at 1 p.m. It will be held in the Grayling community at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. The focus country this year is Samoa.

Start preparing for Pictionary Olympics

Mark your calendars for the 14th Annual Pictionary Olympics sponsored by the Grayling Promotional Association (GPA). This year, the event is scheduled for Friday, April 20, starting at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. GPA will be sending out applications soon. Get a four-person team together and start practicing. Anyone can play. Those who don't receive an application and would like one, call Deb Zelek or Mary Jo Bickmann at 348-6511.

Women's group offers scholarships

The Grayling Chapter of the American Business Women's Association is taking applications for adult Crawford County residents to further their education. Applications are available from Rhonda Haas at Citizens Bank or from the Chamber of Commerce during regular business hours. Applications must be postmarked March 16, 2001.

Retired state employees group to meet

The regular meeting of North Central Area Chapter #19, State Employee Retirees Association, will be held Tuesday, March 6 at the Houghton Lake Community Building, beginning at 2 p.m. All retired state employees and their spouses are encouraged to attend.

Church to present Spring Pops Concert

The Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church Choir will present their Spring Pops Concert, Friday and Saturday, March 30-31 at 7 p.m. each evening. The concert will feature music of the 1960s. The Choirs hope audiences will let the music return them to an era gone by and create memories for those too young to have been there for firsthand experience. Admission is \$5 per person. The church is handicap accessible and is located at 400 Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

'Pot Painting Party' planned March 1

Grayling's Garden Club meets Thursday, March 1 at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. A "Pot Painting Party" is planned. Bring brushes and artistic sense. Pots and paints will be provided. Aspiring and experienced gardeners are always welcome to attend meetings to share good gardening techniques and fellowship. For more information, call Thelma Holland at 344-2043.

Low cost male cat clinic scheduled

Neutering your male cat helps control the unwanted pet population. It also helps reduce incidences of wandering, bothering the neighbors, and fighting with other male cats. The first of two low cost male cat clinics is scheduled for March 14, from 8 a.m. until surgeries are completed. It will be held at Simons Veterinary Clinic in Elmira. Dr. Donna Simons, DVM, will perform the surgeries for \$15 per male cat. She will also offer discounted vaccinations: rabies \$5, yearly rabies booster \$13 and feline leukemia \$7. Space is limited; transportation may be arranged. Call Dixie Lobsinger at (517) 348-9178 for directions, appointment or with any questions pertaining to these upcoming clinics.

Two blood drives planned

► January 3 high school drive nets 45 first time donors

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive at Grayling High School on Wednesday, March 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. This drive is sponsored by the High School for Community and students.

Donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh at least 110 pounds. All senior citizens are welcome. There will be nurses available to answer questions.

Also planned is a Community Blood Drive at Frederic Elementary School on Thursday, March 8, from 12 noon until 5:45 p.m.

At the January 3 Grayling High School blood drive, the following people donated for the first time:

Nicholas Baynham, Ken L. Cox

Jr., Kyle Crawford, Michael DeMoines, Jennifer Denno, Jamie Dent, Shawn Ferrigan, Nicole Fisette, Damian Fleischmann, Laura Gassman, Marcus Hagle, Amy Hanson, James Harland, Tabitha Harney, Bonnie Hogston, Kristy Hulbert, Rebecca Hunt, Fred Hyde, Ben Iwinski Jr., David Lamb Jr., Ian Lauterwasser, Kira Maples, Sheana McClain, John McNamara, Aaron Mead, Daniel Mead, Nathaniel Miller, Michael Moon, Radar Nelson, Marisa Papendick, Joseph Pilon, Karen Poll, Sean Pooley, Josh Quintano, Richard Rawlings, Bridgette Reed, Richard Shay, Nathan Sloan, Ryan Stahl, Ryan Swope, Joyce Thomas, Christy Voelker, Emily Wakeley, Jennifer Wheeling and Josh Willette.

Gallon pins given out were: Three Gallon - David Johns, Ryan Rondo and Tina Smith; Four Gallon - Cathy Frye and William Hamlin.

Diabetes education classes offered

Otsego Memorial Hospital (OMH) in Gaylord will offer a series of Diabetes Education Classes beginning March 5.

This program is intended for persons with diabetes, family members, friends and/or caretakers. Class size is limited and OMH reserves the right to offer it to those who have not had the opportunity to attend in the past. Anyone who has already attended, but who would like to repeat one or more of the sessions should call ahead. Class size will determine whether or not repeat attendees may be allowed to participate.

The schedule is as follows:

March 5 - from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., Introduction: "The Basics." Learn about diabetes and how to live with it.

March 12 - from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., The "Nuts & Bolts" of Diabetes & Nutrition. Learn about meal planning, carbohydrate counting and food exchanges. (Also, a guided grocery store tour with OMH's Registered Dietician is being offered to those who have attended this

class. It is scheduled the final week of this series.)

March 19 - 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Medications & Insulin: "How They Affect You;" and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Heart Disease: "What You Need to Know."

March 26 - 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., Exercise: "A Necessary Tool for Good Control;" and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Foot Care: "Don't Take Anything for Granted."

April 9 - 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Grocery Store Tour (location to be determined).

The classes will be held in the OMH boardroom. Pre-registration is required to attend. Call (517) 731-2193 to register.

The next series of classes will be offered beginning May 7 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. The Diabetes Support Group meets the second Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in the OMH Cafeteria Annex. Everyone is welcome. No pre-registration is required for the support group, however please call ahead on meeting day to see if the support group will be meeting.

GHS juniors and seniors to learn how to make college search count

► Parents also invited to program for college bound students

Grayling High School counselors, Lynn Thompson and Kathy Frederick announced last week they have scheduled the "Making Your College Search Count" and "Making College Count" for presentation to junior and senior class members, respectively, and their parents. The no-cost, one-hour presentations will be made on Tuesday, March 6 from 1 p.m. to 1:50 p.m. for seniors and from 2 p.m. to 2:50 p.m. for juniors. For seniors, the "Making College Count" program is based upon the highly-acclaimed college guidance book, *Making College Count: A Real World Look at How to Succeed In and After College*. The presentation is designed to help students begin thinking about why they are going to college and what they need to accomplish while there in order to maximize their opportunities.

"Entry into high school and col-

lege are key transition periods in a student's academic career," said Making College Count founder, Patrick S. O'Brien. "Our goal is to provide and reinforce the positive messages counselors and teachers are giving to their students during these crucial times and help students understand that anyone can be successful if they choose to be."

For juniors, the "Making Your College Search Count" program draws on the same basic principles and foundations of student empowerment used in the Making College Count program. Making Your College Search Count provides students with crucial information on how to conduct an effective college search. It is designed to help students begin thinking about what college would be right for them and how they are going to get there.

In total, the programs will be presented to about 1.3 million juniors and seniors nationwide this spring.

Key content from the presentations can be found online at www.makingitcount.com. The web site offers a variety of tools and resources for current and future high school students.

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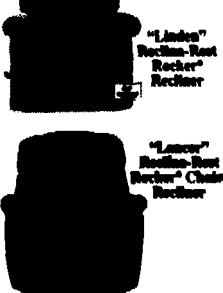
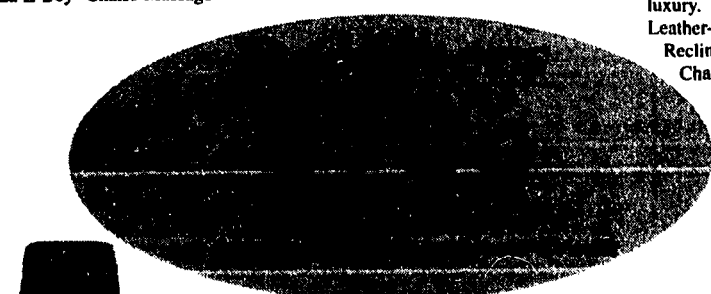


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WHEREAS, After working as a pattern maker for the Packard Motor Car Company in Detroit he became interested in archery, and in 1929 went bow hunting for the first time in a cedar swamp near St. Helen, Michigan, and
WHEREAS, He opened Bear Archery Company and began developing archery equipment in a small shop in Detroit and moved his operations to Grayling in 1947, and
WHEREAS, He developed many improvements in archery equipment over the next 40 years and hunted with dignitaries from all over the world in locations all over the world while remaining a truly humble and creative man whose first love was introducing bow hunting to youngsters and watching them grow in the sport.
NOW THEREFORE, I, Ralph Stevens, Mayor of the City of Grayling do hereby declare March 5th as **FRED BEAR DAY** in Grayling, Michigan and urge all citizens to take a moment to reflect on the great honor he brought to our city.

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The Bible Speaks

Hero Dave Leach

The Traverse City Record Eagle reported: "A thirty-year veteran of the Traverse City Police Department, only five months from retirement, Tuesday became the first city employee to publicly protest City Manager Richard Lewis' order that all city vehicles display a new city logo featuring the official 'gay pride' rainbow flag." Officer Leach said during an interview with Traverse City Christian radio station WLJN that being forced by city officials to drive a patrol car with a logo displaying the official "gay pride" flag violates his religious convictions.

Gary Glenn, president of the American Family Association of Michigan gave the following statement: "Officer Leach is that rare individual courageous enough to stand up to his superiors and face the risk of persecution—including he believes, the possible loss of retirement benefits—to make a public witness of his Christian faith," Glenn said. "We urge families who share Officer Leach's faith and commitment to traditional family values to answer his request for prayers, and we renew our call that Traverse City officials disavow their adoption of a logo featuring the officially recognized flag of a homosexual political agenda most city employees and residents do not support."

Glenn said it is particularly offensive that Leach and other law enforcement personnel are being forced to display the widely-recognized flag of the "gay pride" movement, since homosexual behavior is a felony violation of Michigan's criminal code. In disregard for Michigan's criminal code, Traverse City officials spent \$2,500 in city funds to print 10,000 bumper stickers featuring the official "gay pride" flag. Can you imagine government officials spending taxpayer money to promote violation of Michigan law in the name of promoting diversity?

Following a protest by religious and family organizations, the city attorney recommended the stickers be removed. The city manager accepted the attorney's recommendation and ordered the stickers removed. The mayor told reporters he had been conned by those who advocated the sticker. The background of the logo on the printed stickers was an exact reproduction of the striped rainbow design officially recognized by the International Congress of Flag Makers as the "Gay and Lesbian Pride" flag. Homosexual publications from San Francisco to Detroit were praising the history making use of their logo by Traverse City officials.

When city officials publicly announced

their decision to place the stickers on all city vehicles, including police cars, fire trucks, and snow plows, they said they were promoting "diversity". They appear to have been conned into promoting "deviancy" in the name of "diversity".

Officer Dave Leach proved once again the power of one heroic Christian witness. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." (Matt. 5:16) "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world." (Phil. 2:15) Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Websites at: <http://onramp.i2k.com/~cba/> and at <http://www.i2k.com/~cba/index.html> We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

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Smith - Hudson Engaged



Jennifer Smith and Thomas Hudson

Jean and David Schwalm of Grayling and Mike and Linda Smith of Traverse City would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer, to Thomas Hudson. Mr. Hudson is the son of Marsha Hudson of Kalkaska.

Jennifer is a 1991 graduate of

Grayling High School and a 1994 graduate of Central Michigan University with a Bachelor's Degree in English. She is currently employed by the Educational Institute in Lansing, as a Writer/Editor.

Mr. Hudson is a 1990 graduate of Kalkaska High School and graduates from Michigan State University this spring with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice. He will be joining the United States Marines in the fall as an Officer.

An August 2001 wedding in Traverse City is planned. The couple will reside in Virginia after the wedding.

Waite - Clark united



Mr. and Mrs. Walter "Chip" Waite

Walter "Chip" Waite of Ft. Lewis, Washington and Kelly Clark of Seattle, Washington were united in marriage December 9, 2001 at Angel Chapel in Seattle. Kelly's 5 year old son, Tyler, served as ring bearer. Kelly is the daughter of Kathy and Buddy Hoskins of Tacoma, Washington. Chip is the son of Judy Trailer of Grayling and Walt Waite. Chip and Kelly will make their home in Tacoma until August when they will be stationed in Ft. Carson, Colorado.

Church Directory

Do you dream of a challenge you want to meet or a goal for the future...if only you had the courage? Perhaps you would like to attend college, but you're afraid of failure. Maybe you want to apply for that new opening at work, the job you have dreamed of, but you are afraid you will not be selected? Where is your courage? Is fear between you and your dream?

Psalms 31:24 tells us, "Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the Lord." Do you "hope in the Lord" with faith in His promises of strength and peace? If not, perhaps it would help to increase your faith in the Heavenly Father.

For isn't it through faith in God Who dwells within us that we develop the confident spirit we must possess to make our dreams come true?

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Romans 13:8-14	John 15:1-17	Deuteronomy 8:1-19	Psalms 51	Matthew 6:1-15	Luke 11:1-13	Luke 18:1-14

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Junior Church10:30 am
Bible Study (Wed.)10:30 am

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Church Service
Saturday9:30 am
Sabbath School
Saturday10:30 am
Prayer Meeting
Wednesday7 pm

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Sunday School10 am
Sunday Service & Children's Church11 am
Sunday Evening Service6 pm
Monday Prayer Meeting7 pm
Wednesday Bible Study7 pm
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Significant Singles Monday7 pm

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Church 348-8885
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Sunday School9:30 am
Morning Worship10:30 am
Evening Service6 pm
Wednesday - Family Night
Adult-Youth-Children7 pm

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Sacrament10 am
Sunday School11 am
Primary11 am
Priesthood12 noon
Relief Society12 noon

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Sunday Worship11 am
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Sunday School9:30 am

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Morning Worship11 am
Evening Worship6 pm
Wednesday7 pm

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Preaching11 am
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Wednesday Evening7 pm

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Evening Service6 pm
Wednesday Service7 pm

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Worship Service11 am & 6 pm
Family Training Hour and Prayer
Wednesday7 pm

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Chapel Service11 am
Wednesday
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OBITUARIES

Louis Phillip A. Gardner

Oct. 15, 1907 - Feb. 24, 2001
Louis Phillip Augustus Gardner, 93, of Echo Township in Antrim County, died Saturday February 24 at Charlevoix Area Hospital after a short illness. The Sacrament of the Sick was administered the afternoon of February 23, by Father Thomas Neis.

He was born October 15, 1907 in Frederic, the son of Louis and Molly (O'Brien) Gardner. On December 28, 1935 he was united in Holy Matrimony with Sarah (Sally) Elizabeth Marean in Maryland and made their home in Detroit. In 1946, they moved to Echo Township.

Mr. Gardner was self-employed as an electrical contractor until the age of 84 and was a member of St. Joseph's Parish in East Jordan; he was also President of the Holy Name Society for many years. He enjoyed traveling and reading, especially science fiction and history. In his earlier years he took flying lessons and saw technology advance from the horse and buggy era to the present. He made numerous trips to Europe and at least a dozen to Ireland.

Mr. Gardner was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Sarah, in March of 1982; a son Niall Shaun Gardner; five sisters, Constance, Angela, Antoinette (Sister Pauletta), Mary Margaret, Patricia (Gloria); and three brothers, Kyran, Glynn and Maurice.

Survivors include: his children, Brianna Marean (Darl) Bennink of Phoenix, Arizona, Brendan Raymond Louis (Lucille) Gardner of Eagle, Idaho, Ciaran Power Gardner of Charlevoix, Kevin Hugh (Sharon) Gardner of East Jordan, Padraic Everett (Eileen) Gardner of Fairfield, California, Alice Maeve (James) Burton of Bellevue, Nebraska, Maurice William (Lynda) Gardner of Charlevoix, Nuala Roseen Gardner of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Colmille Ruari (Christine) Gardner of Ellsworth, Vincent Cullen Emmett Gardner of East Jordan, Seumas Gerard (Sharon) Gardner of Ellsworth; daughter-in-law, Susanne Gardner of Ellsworth; 22 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; two sisters Gwendolyn Ford of Green Bay, Wisconsin and Theresa Ann (Pat) Phaendner of Grosse Pointe; a brother-in-law, Mike Cassidy of Onaway; a sister-in-law, Mildred Gardner of Grand Rapids and a sister-in-law, Irene Gardner of South Lyons.

Funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 3, 2001 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in East Jordan, with Father Herbert Willman officiating. Friends may visit Hastings Funeral Home on Friday, March 2, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. The rosary will be prayed on Friday, March 2 at 8 p.m. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in East Jordan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Augustine Center in Conway.

John E. Failing

Jun. 27, 1928 - Feb. 24, 2001
John Eugene Failing, 72, of Grayling died on February 24, 2001 in Weslaco, Texas.

John was born in Grayling on June 27, 1928 to Otto E. and Mona (St. John) Failing. On September 27, 1952 he married Betty Denton. John worked for the DNR and Michigan National Guard. He was a veteran of the United States Army, which he joined his senior year in Grayling High School. John was a lifelong resident of Grayling and was a life member of Grayling Lodge #356 F and AM. He was very interested in Genealogy and travel.

Survivors include: his wife, Betty; two sons, John R. (Gail) Failing of Grayling and Jeffrey Failing of Okemos; one brother, James C. (Patricia) Failing of Grayling; three sisters, Betty Jean Millikin and Mary Ann Calkins of Grayling and Patricia (Carroll) Scott of Gaylord; mother-in-law Isabel Denton of Grayling; three granddaughters, Suzannah, Angela and Jennifer Failing of Grayling; many nieces and nephews.

According to his wishes, John has already been cremated and there will be no services.

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So, he closed your weary eyelids, and whispered "Peace be Thine."

It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God took you home.

Sadly missed by wife Sharon, daughter Amy, sons Kevin, Michael and Todd; grandchildren Jordan, Courtney, Cameron, Colbie, Casie, Naomi and Noah.

We love you!

Margaret M. Balch

May 6, 1912 - Feb. 23, 2001
Margaret Mae "Boots" Balch, 88, of Grayling, died at Grayling Nursing Centre February 23, 2001.

Margaret was born in Isabella on May 6, 1912 to Francis Xavier and Eva LaMotte. On February 15, 1936 Margaret LaMotte married Lawrence William Balch in Grayling.

Mrs. Balch was a homemaker living in Grayling her whole life. She was an American Legion Auxiliary member, an active bowler and served as secretary of the Wednesday night league; she was also a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. Mrs. Balch spent leisure time playing bingo, playing cards with her card club and spending time with her grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents and her husband who preceded her in death on July 26, 1982.

Survivors include: one daughter, Helen (Bruce) Nielson of Grayling; two sons, Larry (Dee) Balch of Grayling and Ernie Balch of Grayling; four sisters, Lillian Clough, Isabella Swartz, Marie Akers and Donna Lee Williams all of Grayling; four grandchildren, five step-grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on February 26 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Reverend Robert Nalley officiating. Burial will be at Elmwood Cemetery.

The family requests memorials go to: Grayling Nursing Centre or The Alzheimer's Association.

Arrangements made by Sorenson Funeral Home.

James E. Hottle

Oct. 11, 1947 - Feb. 21, 2001
James Hottle, 53, of Frederic, died at his home on February 21, 2001.

Mr. Hottle was born October 11, 1947 in Oak Hill, West Virginia to John Gilmore and Dorothy Rosella (Light) Hottle. He married his wife Wendy A. (Morrell-Frock) Hottle on April 29, 1995 at Christ Lutheran Church in Detroit.

James Hottle was a self-employed automotive parts distributor from Warren. He belonged to Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #9; Mr. Hottle served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam Conflict, serving as V.I.P. security. James has lived in Frederic since March of 2000 where he spent leisure time fixing things around the house, working on cars, horsemanship and spending time with his kids.

He is preceded in death by his father.

Survivors include: his mother, Dorothy Rosella Hottle of Florida; his wife Wendy; two daughters, Christin and Erin; his mother and father-in-law, Joan and Gerald Frock of Detroit; two sisters, Rosemary (Tom) Johnson of Greenville, South Carolina and Barbara (Alan) Robinson of Sterling Heights; two brothers, Mike (Patricia) Hottle of Warren and David Hottle of Warren; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

The funeral was held February 25 at the Sorenson Funeral Home. Dr. Robert Barnett, Pastor officiated.

HONORS

Grand Valley State University

Susan Owens, nursing and biology Instructor at Kirtland Community College, has just passed her national certification exam for Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP). She completed the Family Nurse Practitioner program through Grand Valley State University in August 2000 followed by 30 credits of post-graduate work to be eligible to take the exam. An FNP is a Registered Nurse who is licensed to give health care to all ages. Owens has been a full time instructor at Kirtland since 1999.

Western Michigan University

The local students from Grayling named to the dean's list for the fall semester of the 2000-2001 academic year are: Katie L. Bass, daughter of Loren and Connie Bass, Steven M. Corlew, son of James E. and Dalene S. Corlew, Christina K. Kenney, daughter of Keith and Jean Kenney and Christy M. Kustra, daughter of Gilbert G. and Nancy L. Kustra.

Northern Michigan University

Northern Michigan University has

announced the Dean's List for the Fall 2000 semester, which ended in December. The local students qualifying for the Dean's List are: Deanna C. Fleischmann and Paul C. Niederer both of Grayling, Brooke A. Dyer, Brian M. Hartman and Jason L. Sarsfield all of Roscommon.

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The American Legion Hall was the scene of the annual Project Graduation Rummage Sale, February 17-18, which is a major fund raiser to help provide a drug-free, alcohol-free, chaperoned all night celebration for the graduating class of Grayling High School. Many people packed the hall Saturday morning as the doors opened. A lull early Sunday afternoon gave this mother and two kids a second chance to shop through the stuffed animals at 50 percent off their original prices. Remaining stuffed animals were donated as playthings to the dogs and cats at the animal shelter by the Project Graduation Committee.



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Jr. Miss contestants prepare for big night

Another busy week has passed for the nine Junior Miss contestants who are preparing for their big evening on March 17.

On Monday, February 19, the ladies presented themselves in front

of five judges for mock interviews. Each was given seven minutes to present herself with poise and confidence, as well as answer questions ranging from, "If you could invite anyone in the world to dinner, who would it be?" to "What class would you like to see added to the Grayling High School curriculum?" It might surprise some to know that the answers to a dinner guest ranged from Abraham Lincoln to Christina Aguilera. The classes they would like added were primarily those involving the arts.

After interviewing all the ladies, the judges concluded this year's contestants were another wonderful example of the excellence of our educational system and the type of students attending Grayling High School. They presented constructive suggestions to the Program Committee hoping to help each young lady improve her interviewing style.

On Wednesday, February 28, the contestants were scheduled to pre-

sent their talents to an audience at Shoppenagon's Inn, allowing the opportunity to test their stage presence and to get feedback on what they might do to enhance their presentations.

Kirtland Community College has added an unexpected opportunity to this year's pre-program activities. The Director of the Cosmetology Program has offered to wash and set each contestant's hair, plus give each a manicure, pedicure, facial and more. The director commented this was not only an opportunity for their students to give something to the Junior Miss program, it is also a good chance for the contestants to tour the Kirtland campus and see what KCC has to offer.

Tickets for the 2001 Grayling Junior Miss Program to be held March 17 in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School are \$10 each. All seats are reserved. Tickets go on sale at Riverland Gear in Grayling beginning March 1.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crawford County Sheriff Department handled the following 136 calls for the two-week period of February 12-25:

One structure fire, one CSC/sexual assault, two assault/intimidation/stalking, four burglary/home invasion, four larceny, one motor vehicle theft, two damage to property, two drug/narcotic violations, 14 public peace/ disorderly, one OUIL/UBAL, three driving violations/DWLS etc., three health and safety, two conservation, four miscellaneous criminal offense, three delinquent minors, 34 traffic accidents, one traffic safety public appearance, two snowmobile incident, one valid alarm, four false alarm activation, one hazardous conditions, three accident - all other, six civil matter disputes - family trouble, seven suspicious situations, one natural death, two lost and found property, 21 general non-criminal, one assault & battery/simple assault, one burglary-forced entry-residence, one operating under the influence of alcohol, one operating w/b.a.c. .10% or more, one miscellaneous arrest, driving on revoked/suspended/refused license.

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Grayling Middle School News

Submitted by Parent Improvement Team, Grayling Middle School

On Monday, February 26, the middle school held an assembly recognizing all the students involved in the extra curricular activities offered at school, including plays, basketball, the ski team, cheerleading, pom poms, and wrestling.

Parent teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, March 1. If

you feel you need to talk to a teacher, here's your chance.

Attention 8th grade parents - There will be a high school orientation on Thursday at 4 p.m. Questions about classes and other matters will be addressed.

Festival Band Concert will be held at Elk Rapids on Saturday, March 3. All band members will be required to attend. They will be required to ride the bus there, but can ride home with parents from the event if permission slips are sent in before Saturday. Volunteers are also still needed for this trip.

A wrestling tournament will be held this Saturday at the middle school covering all classes.

The choir classes will be performing at their District competition on Saturday, March 10. Volunteers are needed, contact Karen Ross if interested.

RANGE FIRING

Range firing scheduled during February 28, 2001 through March 6, 2001:

The Range 40 Complex, Air to Ground, located north of County Road 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Road 618, and west of County Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). Bombing and strafe firing conducted.

The Range 40 Complex, located North of County Rd. 612, East of Sherman Rd., South of Old State Road 618, and West of county Road F97 (Twin Bridge Road). Military maneuvers and mortar firing.

The Range 30 Complex, located North of North Down River Road, East of Jones Lake Road, South of CR 612, and West of Bald Hill Truck Trail.

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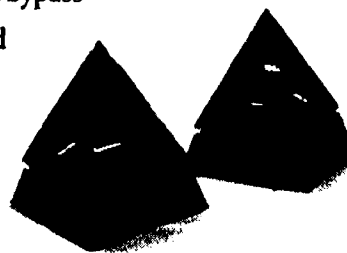


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Attorney relocates to uptown address

Attorney Monte J. Burmeister, PLLC, moved into the old uptown Cartwright & Danewell building back in mid-December, 2000. Previously, he practiced law from a leased office on State Street in Grayling. Burmeister practices with an emphasis on the following kinds of cases: divorce, custody, grandparent visitation, drunk driving, personal injury, property law, consumer protection and wills. His new office is located at 108 E. Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

Photo by Cheryl Ruley



GRAYLING POLICE REPORT

The Grayling Police Department handled the following 30 complaints during the week of February 18-24:

One misdemeanor citation, one traffic accident, one private proper-

ty accident, two traffic control complaints, five motorist assists, one misdemeanor arrest, one civil complaint, two larcenies, one malicious destruction of property, one juvenile complaint, two assists to other

departments, three city ordinance violations, one assault, three disturbance complaints, and five unclassified complaints.

Three traffic warnings were also issued.

More than \$1,200 raised for River House Shelter

The Cross Country Ski Shop and Rugged Elegance Tours recently sponsored a Noncompetitive Women's Ski Event at Hanson Hills. On February 4, River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services received over \$1,200 in pledge money raised by the participants.

Shari Fox received a new pair of cross country skis for earning the most amount of money, with Robin Bromley and Sr. Maria Klosowski earning second and third in pledges.

River House Shelter and Domestic Crisis Services, a four-county agency, is currently seeking funds for a new shelter and office facility. The money raised by the participants of the ski event is a part of many fund-raisers to be held for the Building Fund.

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for pregnant women, infants and children will have classes on March 7-9, 12, 15, 19, 21-22, and 29.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening on March 14 - Call (800) 968-7300 to schedule an appointment. This Program is available to women ages 40 - 64, who have limited or no health insurance.

Free Hearing and Vision screening, for ages 3 - 18, March 23. This will be held at the Head Start

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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

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Lots of good things are happening and all you have to do is come and join in!

February
 Wed. 28 - Salmon Patties/ Veal Parmesan; Exercises and Line Dancing at 10 & 11; Fun & Games at 12:30; Stag Cards at 12:30 and Burger King Bingo at 5:30.
March

Thu. 1 - Porkupine Meatballs/ BBQ Beef; BP's taken 11 to noon; Pinochle club at 1 and Cardo at 5:30.
 Fri. 2 - Pork Chops/ no dinner; Pantry Bingo and 80 cent Rummy at 1.

Sun. 4 - Brunch with chipped beef on toast from 10 to 1.

Mon. 5 - Wiener Schnitzel with noodles/ Lasagna; Gripe & Gab Club at 10; Stag Cards at 12; Bridge Club at 1 and Hangman at 5:30.

Tue. 6 - Chicken Kiev/ Sweet & Sour Meatballs; Euchre Club at 1.

Wed. 7 - Hawaiian Ham/ Swiss Steak; Commodities at the Eagles from 9:30 to 10:30; Hearing Clinic by appointment; Exercises and Line dancing at 10 & 11; Stag Cards at 12:30; Wendy's Bingo at 5:30.

Cultural Events to present 'Celtic Magic' dessert concert

The Crawford AuSable Cultural Events Program's final installment of this season's "Special Performances" line-up, a dessert/concert event entitled "Celtic Magic," will be held on Sunday, March 4, at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at Grayling High School.

The event, which will feature the music of Encore Society, a 65-piece musical group from the Traverse City area, will open with dessert at 2 p.m. and move into the concert portion at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 each, which includes dessert. Tickets can be ordered in advance by calling 344-3539.

The Encore Society's musical performance will include marches and dances in the Celtic spirit, as well as an Irish tenor and a bagpiper.

The Crawford County Community Foundation, which distributes grant money and donated funds to a variety of area causes, will be represented at the concert as part of an effort to boost the group's local exposure.

The "Celtic Magic" dessert concert will be the third of three Cultural Events "Special Performances," which are made possible through a partnership with the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and area businesses and corporations.

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Brine well to be shut down

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"We are just asking for a transition period," said Houlton. "With a summer to prepare, we could be in a better position."

Houlton, accompanied by the chairman of the Oscoda Road Commission Board, said the OCRC is aware of the risks associated with using brine, but the brine is a necessary part of the OCRC's effort to keep roads free of ice during the winter to help keep motorists safe.

(The OCRC does not use brine for dust control during the summer, Houlton said. Crawford County does.)

"We're well aware of the risks of hydrogen sulfide. We provide training for all of our workers. We take measures to protect our people," Houlton said.

Houlton also noted that the Road Commission's trucks are equipped with alarms to detect hydrogen sulfide, which alert workers if levels start to become a problem.

Road Commission Board members expressed a concern with regard to Crawford County's liability for the brine substance if it continues to allow Oscoda to draw from the well.

Attorney Bill Carey, the Road Commission's legal counsel, said

an "exclusive lease" could be put together that would allow Oscoda to continue using the well for the remainder of winter, and included in the lease would be language indemnifying Crawford County.

"It would be a nominal risk for us," said Carey.

The Road Commission Board passed a motion on Tuesday to allow Oscoda to access the brine well "via lease" until June 1, 2001, after rescinding the Board's motion from last Thursday that would have closed the well completely.

Crawford County is no longer using the well, and after June 1, the CCRC plans to shut off the well

entirely.

The county still has a brine well operating in Beaver Creek Township, and the CCRC plans to continue using it for a source of brine. The CCRC's "primary de-icing agent is salt," or salt mixed with sand, said Babcock.

Having the Martindale brine well closed "is not going to affect our winter maintenance too much," said Babcock. The Road Commission's two brine trucks will now be diverted to the Beaver Creek well, he said.

The Road Commission is currently in the process of testing the brine at the Beaver Creek well.

Area code change finalized

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ning out of three-digit exchange prefix numbers.

The delays came first when the Michigan Public Service Commission discovered it did not have the authority to make the change.

A state law signed by Governor John Engler in July corrected that problem. The second delay was caused when communications giant AT&T advised it could not comply with the change by the deadline.

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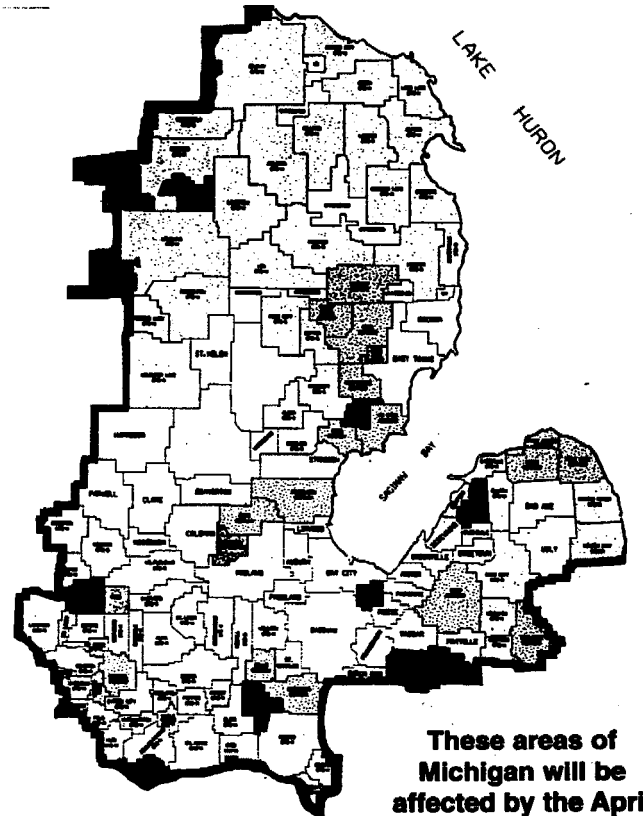
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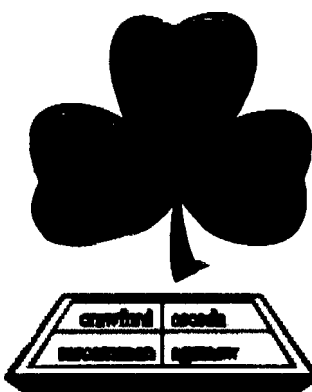
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► Grayling draws a first round 'bye,' Vikings to start tourney with SSM

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling High School's varsity boys basketball team will open its play-off schedule with Sault Ste. Marie on Wednesday, March 7, after drawing a first-round "bye" in the District Tournament. If the Vikings win, they will play in the District championship game on Friday.

This year, Roscommon High School will host the tournament that includes District #63 teams from Grayling, Sault Ste. Marie, Roscommon, Petoskey, and Cheboygan.

The only first round game will be held on Monday, March 5, at 7 p.m. The match will feature Cheboygan and Roscommon. Petoskey drew a first-round "bye," and will play the winner of Cheboygan/Roscommon at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, in a semi-final match.

Grayling and Sault Ste. Marie both drew first-round "byes," and will face each other in the first District semi-final game, scheduled for Wednesday, March 7, at 6 p.m. The winner will play in the District championship game on Friday, March 9, at 7 p.m.

The Vikings have lost two of their last three games. Grayling fell

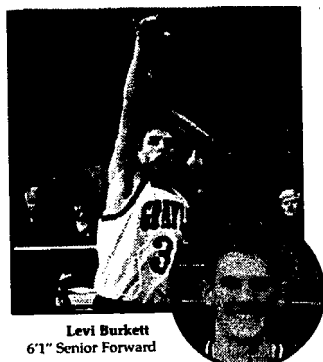
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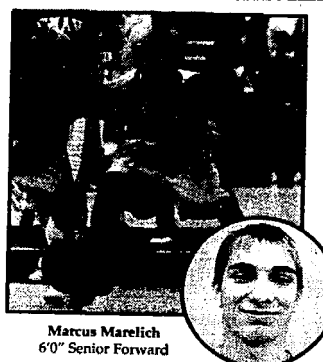
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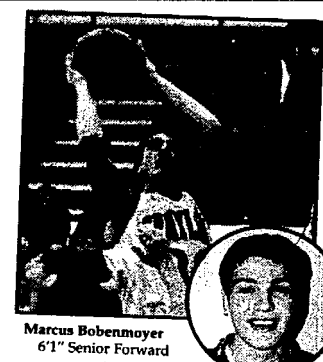
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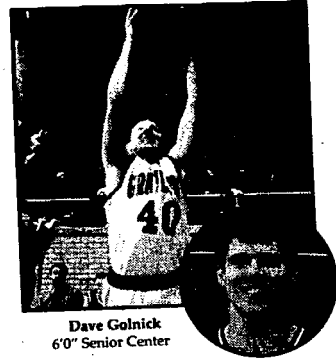
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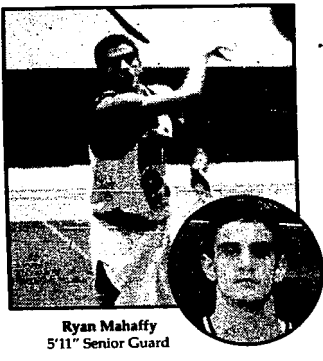
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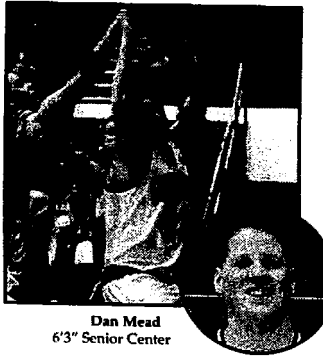
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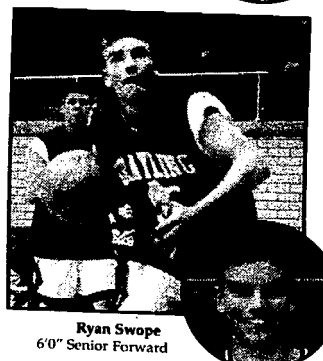
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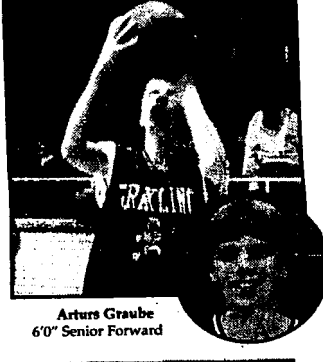
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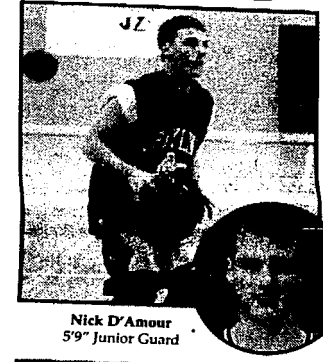
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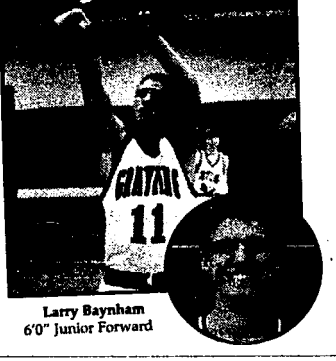
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Season Record (as of
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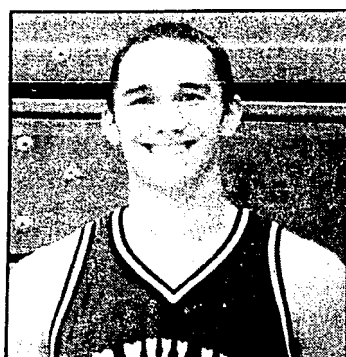
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6'0" Senior Guard



Brad is one of the varsity squad's scoring and assist leaders; solid defender; he can drive to the basket, hit the jumper, or shoot from the perimeter



Brad Gorski



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6'1" Senior Forward

Marcus is always a threat from three-point land, and is a strong presence down low; he is the team's leading shot blocker



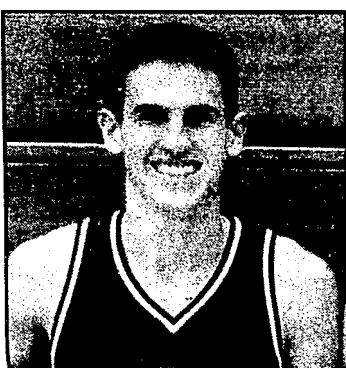
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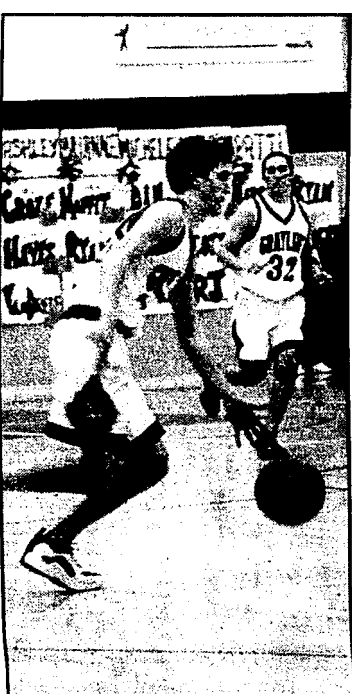
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6'1" Senior Forward

Levi is one of the team's scoring leaders this season; he can work the ball inside, or pull up for a triple or two-point jumper; good passer, solid free throw shooter



Levi Burkett



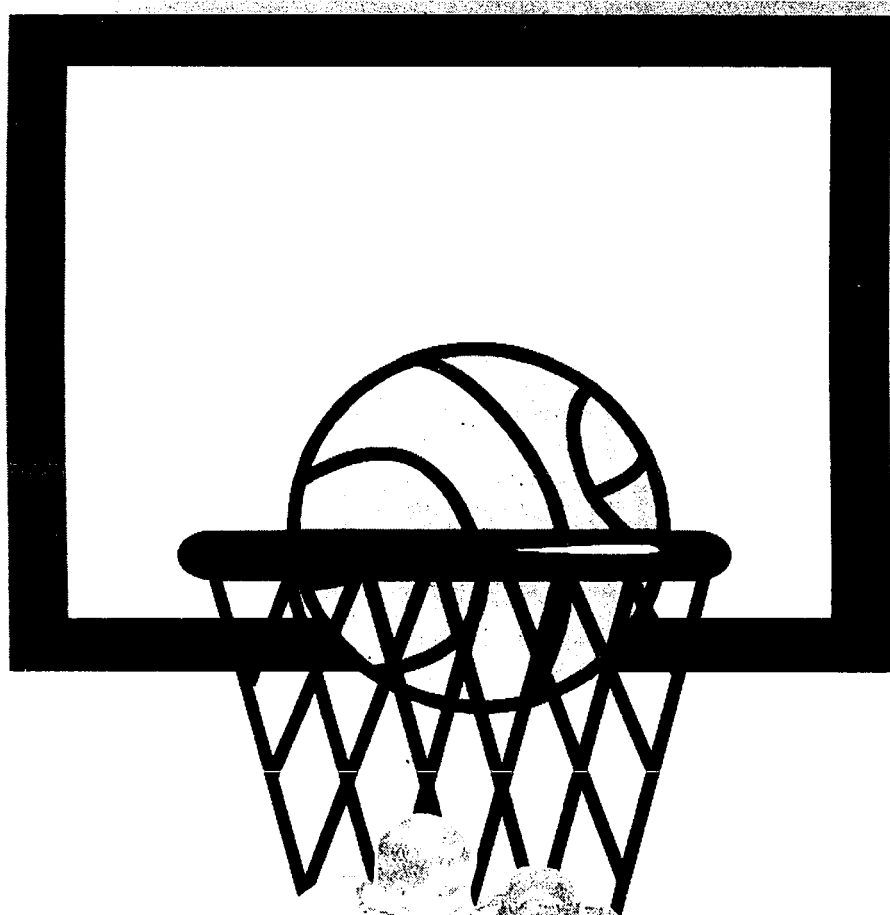
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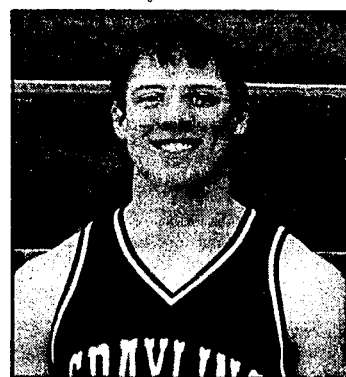
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Every year, The Crawford County Avalanche salutes March Madness with a special portion of the sports section devoted entirely to the varsity basketball team just prior to the start of Districts.

The Vikings will start post-season play with a District semi-final match against Sault Ste. Marie on Wednesday, March 7, at 6 p.m. at Roscommon High School.

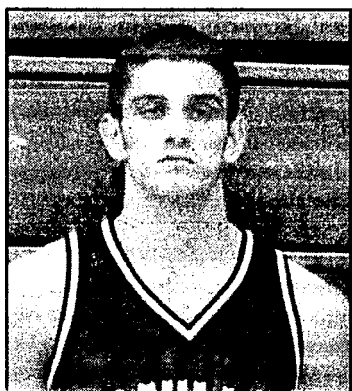
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RYAN MAHAFFY

5'11" Senior Guard



Ryan, one of Grayling's quickest players, provides a lot of hustle while on the floor; he is a good shooter that can knock down the jumper



Ryan Mahaffy



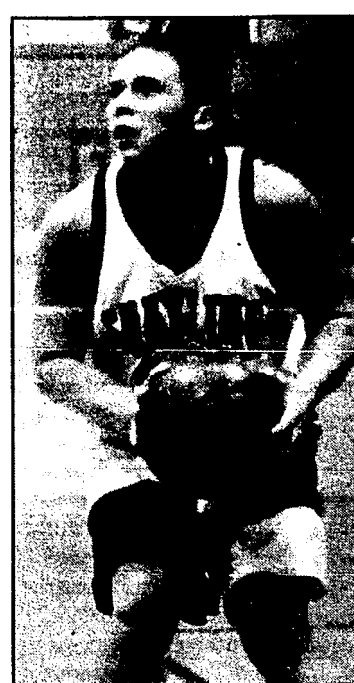
CHRIS YOUNGBLOOD

6'0" Senior Guard

Chris has seen limited action this year due to injuries; he has been sidelined for the year with an injury and will not dress for Districts



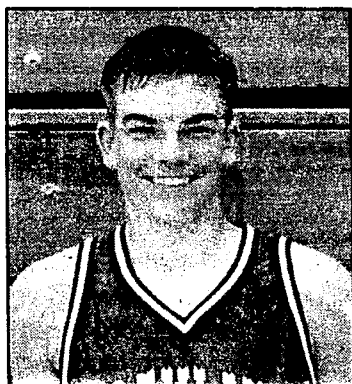
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RYAN SWOPE

6'0" Senior Forward

Ryan is an intense player and a scrappy defender; provides power under the basket



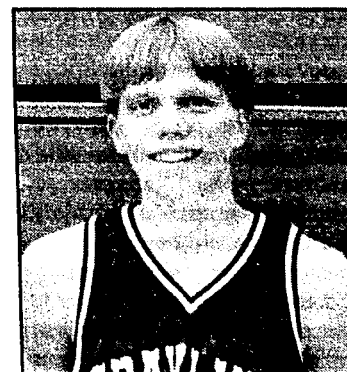
Ryan Swope



ARTURS GRAUBE

6'0" Senior Forward

Arturs, a foreign exchange student from Latvia, is playing in his first year of organized basketball



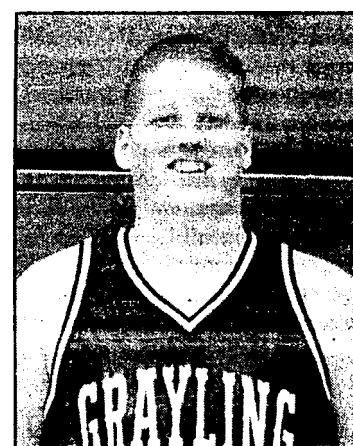
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DAN MEAD

6'3" Senior Center

Dan is Grayling's biggest and tallest player; he is a good rebounder, can post up underneath the basket, and is an aggressive defender; Dan always works hard while out on the court, providing the Vikings with drive, hustle and size off the bench



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Districts: Vikings to play Sault in semi-finals

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to conference rivals Gladwin (in overtime) and Tawas last week, but defeated a good Gaylord squad on Tuesday. Overall, the Vikings are 11-7 as of last Friday.

"We're going through a tough stretch," Coach Rich Moffit said before last Friday night's game at Tawas. "We still have a lot of basketball to play before Districts."

"Petoskey is probably the favorite, but I think it will be a pretty competitive District," said Moffit. "If we play well, we'll have a shot."

"This is a hardworking group. It's a very cohesive group, a close group. It shows on the court when they play," said Coach Moffit.

Several players from this year's squad played together on a very competitive JV team two years ago, posting a solid 16-4 season record.

This year's team includes seniors Brad Gorski, Levi Burkett, Dave Golnick, Marcus Bobenmoyer, Marcus Marelich, Dan Mead, Ryan Mahaffy, Ryan Swope, Art Graube, and Chris Youngblood.

(Youngblood is out for the season due to injury, and will not dress for Districts.)

Juniors include R.J. Schmidt,

Nick D'Amour, Wes Fox, Scott Latusek, and Larry Baynham. With one spot open on the roster, the team will promote freshman Joe Lange to the varsity level for the tournament, Coach Moffit said.

Moffit's assistant coaches this season include Butch Hayes, Ben

Croze, Duane VanDresce, and Craig Hofman.

So far this season, Grayling has posted an 11-7 overall record, winning seven of nine at home and four of nine on the road. The team is in fourth place in the NEMC with an 8-5 league record.

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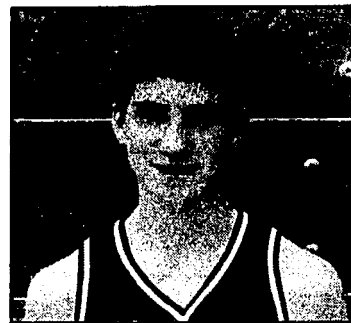
BEST OF LUCK VIKINGS!



R.J. SCHMIDT

6'0" Junior Guard

R.J. is one of Grayling's biggest three-point threats; also a solid defender, R.J. is a good all-around player; provides quality minutes off the bench in relief of the two starting senior guards



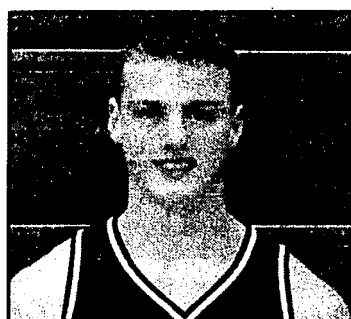
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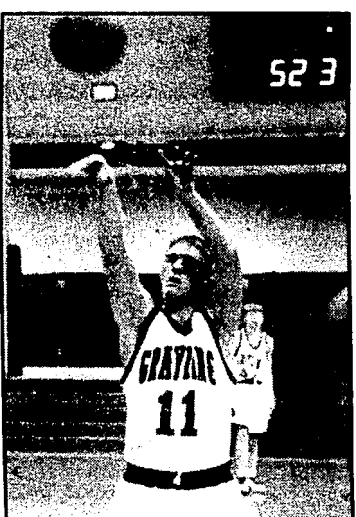
NICK D'AMOUR

5'9" Junior Guard

Nick, a junior, is in his second year of varsity action after being promoted from JV as a sophomore last year; he is a good shooter, can drive to the basket, and plays solid defense for Grayling



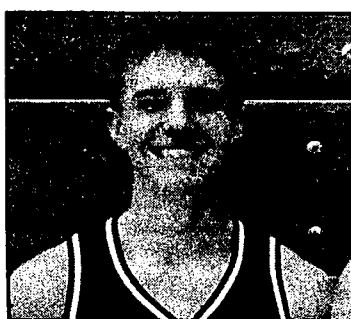
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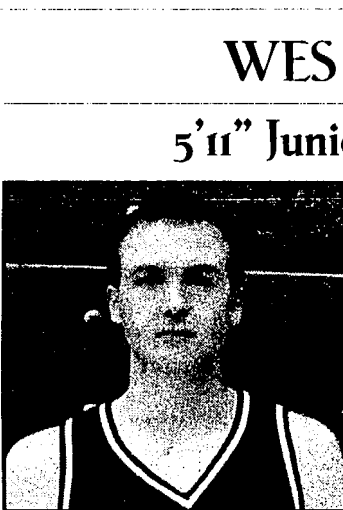
LARRY BAYNHAM

6'0" Junior Forward

Larry is a physical player who's not shy about laying out to grab a loose ball or force a tie-up; provides quality play off the bench in relief of Grayling's senior big men



Larry Baynham



Wes Fox

WES FOX

5'11" Junior Forward

Wes is a decent ball handler, passer, and post player coming off the bench; he can shoot, dish off, or take it to the basket; Wes has missed several games this season due to illness



SCOTT LATUSEK

5'9" Junior Guard

Scott is quick, probably Grayling's fastest player; Scott is a decent passer and a very aggressive defender; he provides a scrappy presence on defense and on transition



Scott Latusek



Joe Lange

JOE LANGE

6'2" Freshman Center

Joe played the first part of the year at the freshmen level, then was promoted to JV; he will be moved up to varsity for Districts; Joe has a knack for rebounding and is a strong scoring presence inside the paint



Freshman, JV volleyball teams win

GHS squads defeat Oscoda Owls in Grayling

► 9th grade team wins series 2-1; JV Vikings sweep Owls 15-6, 15-12

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

Grayling High School's freshman and junior varsity girls volleyball teams were both victorious in a home meet against the visiting Owls of Oscoda last Wednesday.

The freshman team won a best-of-three series 2-1. The Vikings won the first match 15-4, lost the second game 15-8, then took the rubber match 15-3.

The JV squad swept Oscoda 2-0 in a best-of-three series.

In game one, the Vikings got on the board first. GHS scored two points on Barbi Wargo's serve to take a 2-0 lead. Oscoda tied the game at 2-2.

With Ashley Bancroft serving, the Viking scored four points, including two on aces by Bancroft and one on a kill by Lori Ellis and Kim Hatfield.

Oscoda got two points back to pull within two, 6-4. The Vikings scored four points on Ellis' serving chance, including three on aces by the server, to take a 10-4 advantage.

The Owls scored two points to cut Grayling's lead to four, 10-6.

The Vikings put Oscoda away on the next serving chance for Ellis. She scored four consecutive aces to make it 14-6, game point. Oscoda returned the next serve to an open spot on Grayling's side, but Tara Papendick made a diving save that went over the net, and Oscoda failed to return it, giving GHS a 15-6 victory in game one.

On Grayling's first opportunity to serve in game two, the Vikings scored one point on an ace by Ellis. Oscoda scored the next three points to take a 3-1 lead.

The Vikings tied the match at 3-3 on Tabatha Ketchum's serve, with one point coming on an ace by the server. Oscoda scored four more points to take a 7-3 lead, then racked up three more points on a later serving chance to lead 10-3.

On Papendick's serve, Grayling scored on a shot up front by Ellis and an ace by Papendick to pull within five, 10-5.

Oscoda scored one to take an 11-5 lead, then Grayling answered on Ketchum's serve with an ace. The Vikings lost the serve, then got it right back for Bancroft. The Vikings scored two to pull within



The 2001 freshman girls volleyball team: (front, left to right) Lacey Smith, Ashley Powers, Ashley Halfacre; (middle, left to right) Jamie Zelek, Samantha Collin, Gail Hilliker, Heather Stamper; (back, left to right) Coach Jennie Swander, Ashley Hawley, Jessica Stewart, Laura Gorski, Danielle Ross, Hayley Boardman.



The 2000-01 JV girls volleyball team: (front, left to right) Tabatha Ketchum, Danielle Beckwith, Carmen Hulbert, Lori Ellis, Christina Strait; (middle, left to right) Tara Papendick, Alexia Harvey, Barbi Wargo, Kim Hatfield, Ashley Bancroft, Janelle Gregorich, Jenny Brunell; (back) Coach Bodhi Watts.

three, 11-8.

After losing the serve, the Vikings held off Oscoda to get it back. A hit at the net by Ellis on Papendick's serve brought GHS within two, 11-9.

Grayling held the Owls on their next two possessions, bringing up Ellis in the serving rotation. Ellis racked up four straight aces to give Grayling a 13-11 lead. Oscoda got the ball back, and scored one to cut Grayling's edge to one, 13-12.

Grayling moved to game point, 14-12, with an ace by Christina Strait. The Vikings won it on Bancroft's serve with an ace by the server.

With the 15-12 win in game two, the JV Vikings won the series 2-0.

The games with Oscoda were the last home meets for the JV and freshman teams this year.

The Vikings will wrap up the season this week with a meet at Gaylord.

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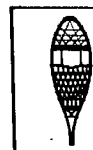
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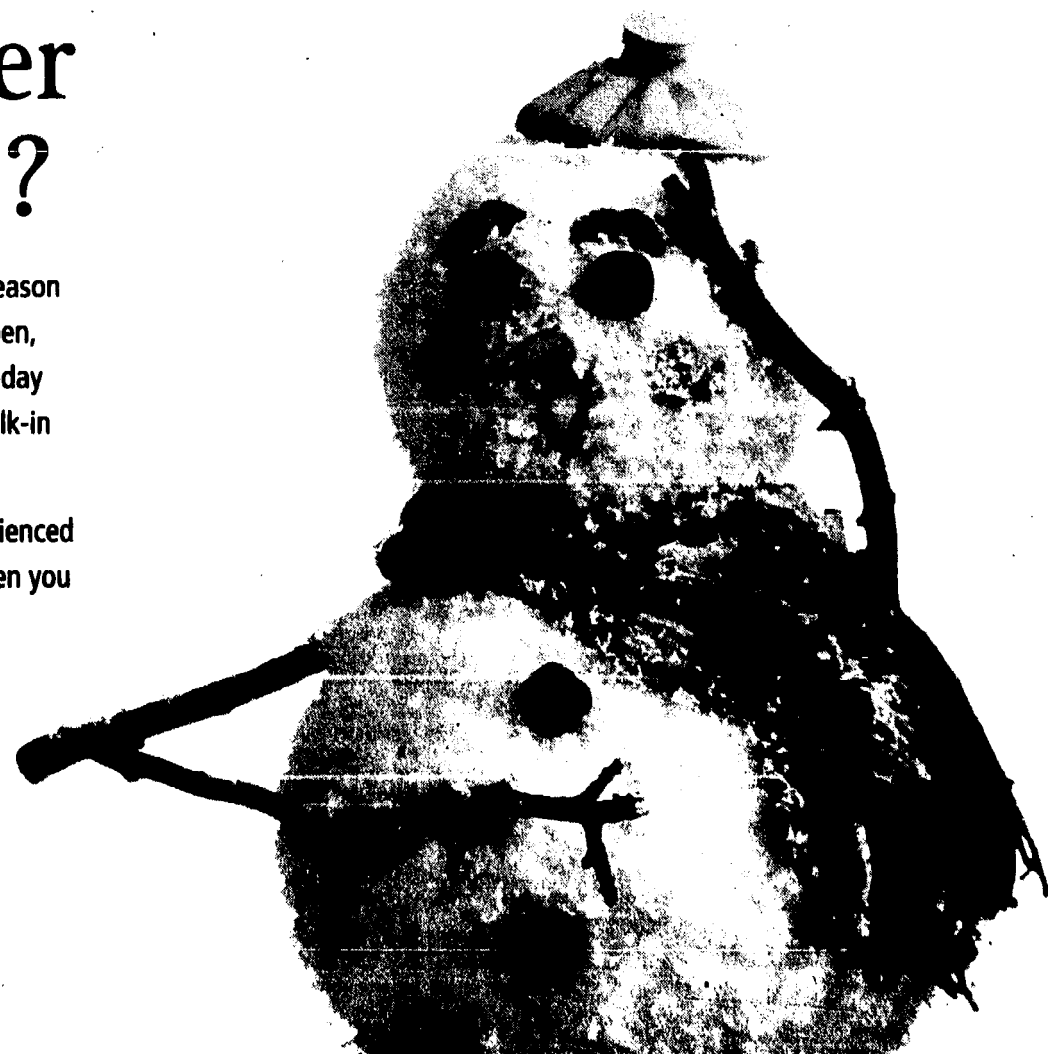
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The Grayling Recreation Authority wrestling club traveled to Midland on Saturday, February 24. Placing for Grayling were: 1st - Zach Wolcott, Trent Larm; 2nd - Daniel Bertalan, Daniel DuVall, Joey Contreras, Matt Townsend, Mike Revord, Cody Malone; 3rd - Chanaujee Swander, Austin Harris, Tyler Hanson, Andy Wyman, Doug Gothro, Eric Madill, Anthony Moss; 4th - Kyle English.

The team will participate in a home tournament on March 3. Wrestling will begin at 9:30 a.m.

GMS WRESTLING

On Saturday, February 24, the Grayling Middle School wrestling team traveled to Midland for a meet. Placing for Grayling were: 1st - Jeff Bancroft, Joe Ferrigan, Joel Wilson, Brian Borchers, Doug Webb; 2nd - Kevin Elkins, James Walker, Zach Wegner; 3rd - Corey Metzger, Travis Webb, Josh Partello; 4th - Joey Bancroft, Brady Ward.

The team will wrestle in a home tournament on March 3. The meet will start at 9:30 a.m.

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Grayling 9th graders defeat Gladwin

► Vikings win final home game of the season to open a triple-header

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The GHS freshman boys basketball team won its final home game of the year last week, kicking off a basketball triple-header against the Flying G's of Gladwin.

The freshman team's originally scheduled match with Gladwin slated for last Monday was moved from 6:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and postponed JV and varsity matches with Gladwin were made up after the 9th grade teams battled it out. (Gladwin won the JV match, and the G's took the varsity contest in overtime.)

Grayling's freshman team led for most of the game, but Gladwin made a run in the fourth quarter, which Grayling successfully weathered to come away with the victory.

Gladwin scored the first bucket of the game, then Grayling came back with a triple by Andy Strohpaal, a jumper by Chad Helsel, and a free throw by Strohpaal to take a 6-2 lead.

A drive by Helsel, three free throws by Greg Morrill, and a lay-up and a triple by Travis Gildner helped boost Grayling to a 16-13 lead at the end of one quarter.

At the beginning of the second period, Helsel sank two free throws

and Strohpaal scored a drive to give the Vikings a 20-13 lead. Gladwin scored the next seven points to tie the game at 20-20.

The Vikings held Gladwin scoreless for the rest of the half, scoring 11 points on (in order) two free throws by Tyler Knapp, a free throw and a shot inside by Morrill, and two triples by Helsel.

The Vikings led 31-20 at halftime.

Grayling added six more unanswered points in the first two minutes of the third quarter, including a put-back by Phil Armstrong, a drive by Strohpaal, and a jump shot by Helsel.

With 5:30 left in the third, Helsel put Grayling up 40-22 with his third three-pointer of the game.

Gladwin then scored eight unanswered points to cut Grayling's lead to 10, 40-30. Gildner scored a triple to extend Grayling's lead to 13, then Gladwin answered with a three-point play to pull back within 10. A triple by Strohpaal put the Vikings back up by 13 with 1:16 left in the third quarter.

The only scoring in the last 1:16 of the third period happened at the free line, with Helsel and Knapp hitting a combined four for four for Grayling, and Gladwin hitting five of eight.

The Vikings took a 12-point lead into the fourth quarter, 50-38.

Gladwin quickly cut the Grayling lead down to 10 with a two-point basket. A lay-up by Armstrong put the Vikings back up by 12. Gladwin

scored, then Grayling answered with a lay-up by Helsel.

A free throw by Gildner and a shot inside by Jeff Xiong gave the Vikings a 57-44 advantage. Gladwin scored the next two buckets. A reverse lay-up by Helsel put Grayling up 59-48 with 3:39 left in the fourth quarter.

The G's scored the next seven points to cut Grayling's lead to four with 2:22 left to play.

Grayling got back on the board with a put-back by Helsel at the 1:42 mark. Gildner converted two free throws with 1:09 left on the clock to give Grayling a 63-55 edge.

Gladwin scored a basket to make it a six-point game. The G's grabbed the rebound on a Grayling miss, but couldn't convert at the other end. Gildner rebounded the miss, and was fouled by Gladwin to stop the clock at 0:35.

Gildner hit both free throws to give Grayling a 65-57 lead, making it a three-possession game for Gladwin.

The G's scored a bucket with 20 seconds left. Gladwin fouled Knapp to stop the clock at 0:11. Knapp converted one free throw to put Grayling up 66-59. Gladwin scored one more basket, leaving the final score at 66-61 in Grayling's favor.

Helsel was the leading scorer for Grayling with 25 points. Gildner scored 13, and Strohpaal added 11.

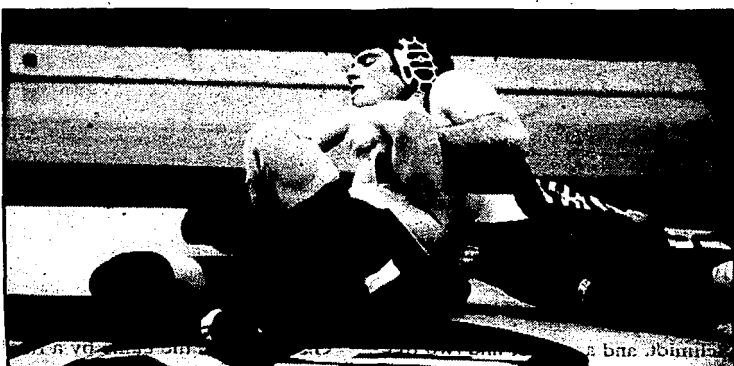
The team finished its 2000-01 season with a game at Oscoda last week.

One GHS wrestler qualifies for State

► Chris Peters at 171 finishes 3rd at Regionals to earn a spot in the finals

Only one Grayling High School wrestler made it out of a tough Regional Meet at Alma this past Saturday with a State Finals qualification: Chris Peters (171). Peters finished third in his weight class at Regionals.

Peters, a senior with over 100 career high school wrestling victories, will be making his first trip to the State Finals. The finals will be held on March 8-10 at Joe Louis Arena in Detroit.



Chris Peters wrestles at Regionals.

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Senior Victor CdeBaca, a two-time state qualifier and 100-win wrestler, and 9th graders Brandon

Pratt and Adam Malone also qualified for Regionals, but did not place high enough to qualify for the State Finals.

Volleyball team falls to Owls, Braves

► Districts to be played on Saturday, March 3, at HL

The GHS varsity volleyball lost its two most recent regular season meets to conference opponents: the Tawas Braves and the Oscoda Owls. Last Wednesday, the Vikings lost two best-of-three series to the Oscoda Owls in Grayling.

In the first series, the Owls won 15-4 and 15-11.

In game one, the Vikings jumped out to a 4-1 lead, but Oscoda made a big run and took the game. In the

second match, Oscoda kept its momentum going and took an 11-0 lead to start the game. The Vikings started to fight back, and pulled within four, 12-8, but Oscoda finished the game to win the series.

The Owls won the second series 15-5 and 15-8.

In an away match at Tawas on Valentine's Day, the Vikings lost to the host Braves 2-0 in a best-of-three series by scores of 15-7 and 15-4.

Grayling's statistics included: Kristy Hulbert - 1 ace, 1 assist; Jamie Dent - 1 ace, 2 kills; Arica Wolcott - 2 aces, 1 kill; Emily Fox -

6 digs; Lori Hinkle - 1 ace, 4 digs; Candace Conley - 1 ace.


"We have been making some adjustments to the line-up," said Coach Angie Golinick. "Our setters have become aggressive hitters, so they have moved to the outside, while our outside hitters have great blocking skills, so they have moved to the weak side. Attitude still holds us back."

The Vikings will play in Districts this weekend.

The District Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 3, at Houghton Lake High School. Grayling and Harrison and Farwell and West Branch Ogemaw Heights will face off in first round games at 9 a.m. Houghton Lake and Roscommon will follow.

Kalkaska drew a first round "bye," and plays the winner of West Branch/Farwell.

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When Candace was asked to play in an unfamiliar position, she did. She stepped up and played well. Kristy has demonstrated her knowledge of the game. She understands what it takes to be a good player and teammate.

Varsity basketball team beats Gaylord

► Vikings defeat Gaylord 57-55, fall to Gladwin in OT, lose to Tawas 73-48

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

In a make-up game in Grayling last Monday, the GHS varsity boys basketball team lost to the Gladwin Flying G's in overtime in the final game of a basketball triple-header that also featured freshman and JV matches.

The Vikings have been tough to beat in their home gym this season. The loss to Gladwin was Grayling's second at home this year, with the first being a three-point loss to the league-leading Tawas Braves in overtime.

Gladwin took it to Grayling in the first half, but the Vikings overcame a 13-point halftime deficit to tie the game by the end of the third period.

Grayling scored 15 points in the first period on: (in order) a shot inside by Marcus Marelich, two free throws by Dave Golnick, a shot inside by Levi Burkett, a triple by Marcus Bobenmoyer, two drives by Brad Gorski, and a put-back by R.J. Schmidt.

Gladwin scored 20 first quarter points to take a 20-15 lead into the second period.

The G's added another 19 points in the second period to Grayling's 11 to take a 39-26 into the locker room at halftime. Gladwin's solid perimeter shooting yielded four three-point baskets in the first half.

Grayling's 11 points resulted from a jumper by Burkett, a triple by Bobenmoyer, free throws by Dan Mead and Marelich, and a shot inside by Gorski.

The Vikings came out with much more intensity in the third quarter, and got right back into the game.

Grayling scored first in the third period on a put-back by Larry Baynham. Gladwin answered with a triple. Grayling scored six unanswered points on a lay-up by Schmidt, and a jumper and two free throws by Burkett.

With 4:30 left in the third quarter, Gladwin converted a three-point play to take an 11-point lead, 45-34.

The Vikings outscored Gladwin 13-2 in the last 4:30 of the third quarter to leave the match tied at 47-47 going into the fourth period.

Schmidt scored 10 of the 13 points in Grayling's late third quarter run. The run also included a

three-pointer by Gorski.

The fourth quarter was a low-scoring eight minutes of play. With 5:10 left in regulation, the Vikings took a 49-48 lead on a jumper by Burkett.

Gladwin scored the next five points to take a 53-49 lead with about four minutes to play. The Vikings answered with a 5-0 run on shots by Gorski and Schmidt and a free throw by Bobenmoyer.

Gladwin hit a triple at the 2:43 mark to take a 56-54 lead.

Gladwin got the ball back and passed the ball around to kill time. The G's tried a three, but missed. Burkett grabbed the rebound for Grayling, but Grayling turned the ball over on the resulting possession and fouled Gladwin to stop the clock.

The G's missed the first free throw shot on the resulting one and one chance. Gorski came up with the loose ball after the miss.

The Vikings tried a three-pointer, but missed, and Gladwin rebounded. Grayling fouled the Gladwin ball carrier to stop the clock at 0:43. The G's missed the first one and one free throw shot, and Mead came up with the rebound.

Burkett was fouled with 31 seconds left in the fourth quarter, and hit both shots to tie the game at 56-56.

Gladwin killed time and played for the last shot. The G's got a shot off at the buzzer, which missed, but the Vikings were called for a foul on the play, sending Gladwin to the line for a chance to win it in regulation.

One second was put back on the clock, and the G's went to the free throw line for two shots. Gladwin missed the first, then the second. Mead rebounded and tried to call timeout, but time had expired.

Grayling scored first in overtime on a free throw by Burkett. Gladwin scored a triple and a free throw to take a 60-57 lead. A shot underneath the basket by Schmidt brought Grayling within one, but the Vikings couldn't get anything else going.

Gladwin won the game by a final score of 67-60.

On Tuesday, the Vikings rebounded from the loss to Gladwin with a 57-55 win over the Gaylord Blue Devils in Grayling.

The Vikings scored the first six points of the game on shots inside by Bobenmoyer, Marelich, and Gorski. A triple by Burkett put Grayling up 9-2. Grayling scored 11 more points in the first quarter on

two jumpers by Burkett, a shot inside by Golnick, a put-back by Marelich, and a jumper and two free throws by Gorski.

Grayling led by 10 after eight minutes, 21-11.

The Vikings scored 12 points to Gaylord's 10 in the second quarter to take a 13-point advantage at halftime, 33-20.

Grayling's second quarter points included a triple and a drive by Gorski, jumpers by Ryan Mahaffy, Burkett, and Nick D'Amour, and a free throw by Golnick.

Gaylord's offense got on track after halftime. The Blue Devils scored 21 points in the third period to cut Grayling's lead to six, 47-41, going into the fourth quarter. Gaylord converted three three-point shots in the period.

Grayling scored 14 third period points on a drive and a jumper by Burkett, a jump shot by Gorski, shots inside by Golnick and Marelich, a tip-in by Gorski, and two free throws by Gorski.

Gaylord scored two baskets in the first minute of the fourth quarter to cut Grayling's lead to two. A shot inside by Marelich on a pass from Burkett gave Grayling a four-point edge. Gaylord scored a three-point shot to pull within one.

A jumper by Burkett put the Vikings up by three. Gaylord scored a put-back to cut the Grayling lead back to one.

A triple by Burkett with 4:24 left in the game put the Vikings up by four. Gaylord converted two free throws at the 2:57 mark to pull within two.

With 52 seconds remaining, Burkett scored a triple to give Grayling a five-point advantage. The Vikings were called for a foul on a Gaylord three-point try, and the Blue Devils converted the three resulting foul shots to pull back within two, 57-55.

Gaylord fouled, and the Vikings missed the first shot of a one and one chance. After several Gaylord shot attempts, Marelich pulled down the rebound. With 16 seconds left, Gaylord had to foul. The Vikings again missed the first free throw of a one and one opportunity.

Still down by two, Gaylord failed to convert at the other end, and Mead rebounded.

The Blue Devils fouled, putting Grayling back at the line for a one and one with just five seconds on the clock. The Vikings missed the first shot, and Gaylord got the ball for one last chance.

The Blue Devils got off a three-point try at the buzzer, but it didn't connect, leaving the score at 57-55 in Grayling's favor.

"This was a real character game for our players," said Coach Rich Moffit. "We had a very disappointing and emotional loss versus Gladwin the night before, and they had to regroup and play a good Gaylord team. I was proud of the way that our kids played tonight. They showed toughness and a strong work ethic."

"Nick D'Amour and Ryan Mahaffy gave us some solid minutes in the second quarter, which sparked us. They both hit some key shots and played solid defensively," continued Moffit. "We struggled in the last minute of the game, but we made some key defensive stops that were a key to our victory."

"This is a good group of kids that have worked their tails off in practice," said Coach Moffit. "We received a lot of contributions from a number of players tonight."

Burkett was the high scorer for Grayling with 21 points. Gorski posted a double-double with 17 points and 13 assists. Marelich finished with eight points and eight rebounds.

On Friday, the Vikings lost to Tawas, the NEMC's first place team, by a final score of 73-48. The Vikings had gone toe to toe with Tawas earlier in the season in Grayling, losing a hard-fought battle by three points in overtime to the Braves. This time, at Tawas, it was all Braves.

The Vikings struggled from the floor, converting just 20% of two-point shots. Grayling hit 6 of 16 from three-point range for a shooting percentage of 23 overall.

Gorski was the leading scorer for Grayling with 13 points. Burkett scored 12. Bobenmoyer finished with eight points and five blocks.

The one win and two losses last week moved Grayling's season record to 11-7. The team will wrap up its regular season schedule this Friday with a home game against Oscoda.

The Vikings will compete in the District Tournament next week. Grayling drew a first-round "bye," and will face off with Sault Ste. Marie in the semi-finals on Wednesday, March 7, at 6 p.m. at Roscommon High School. If Grayling wins, the Vikings will compete in the District championship game on Friday, March 9, at 7 p.m. at Roscommon.

GHS varsity boys basketball team vs. Gaylord 2/20

Player	2 pt.	3 pt.	f.t.	asst.	rebs.	tips	stls.	t.o.	blks.	pts.
Gorski	5/10	1/2	4/4	13	2	5	2	3	-	17
Burkett	6/13	3/4	0/1	2	7	2	2	2	-	21
Marelich	4/7	-	0/3	1	8	8	-	2	-	8
Bobenmoyer	1/7	0/2	-	2	4	8	1	1	5	2
Youngblood	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Golnick	2/4	-	1/2	2	5	2	1	2	1	5
Mead	0/1	-	0/1	1	4	2	-	1	-	-
Mahaffy	1/3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Graube	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Schmidt	0/2	0/2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Fox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Baynham	0/1	-	0/1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
D'Amour	1/1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Latussek	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swope	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	20/48	4/10	5/11	21	32	28	6	11	6	57

KEY: 2 pt.=two-point shots/attempt 3 pt.=three-point shots/attempt f.t.=free throws/attempt asst.=assists
rebs.=rebounds tips=tips stls.=steals t.o.=turnovers blks.=blocks pts.=points (total)

GHS varsity boys basketball team vs. Tawas 2/23

Player	2 pt.	3 pt.	f.t.	asst.	rebs.	tips	stls.	t.o.	blks.	pts.
Gorski	3/10	1/1	4/6	5	3	5	-	3	-	13
Burkett	3/13	2/4	-	1	1	4	-	3	-	12
Marelich	0/3	-	-	1	6	2	-	-	-	-
Bobenmoyer	1/11	2/5	-	-	5	1	-	1	5	8
Youngblood	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Golnick	0/1	-	-	1	5	2	-	1	1	-
Mead	1/2	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	-	2
Mahaffy	0/2	0/2	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-
Graube	0/1	-	1/2	1	3	-	-	1	-	1
Schmidt	2/4	1/3	2/2	2	2	6	2	-	-	9
Fox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Baynham	0/4	-	1/2	-	3	2	1	1	-	1
D'Amour	0/1	-	-	2	1	4	1	2	-	-
Latussek	0/3	-	2/2	-	-	3	-	1	-	2
Swope	0/1	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	11/56	6/16	10/14	13	33	31	4	17	6	48

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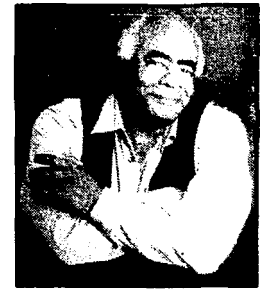
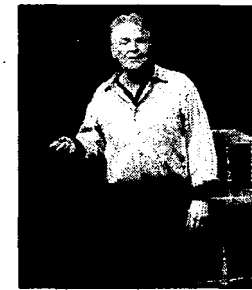
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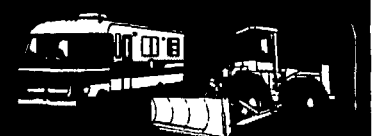
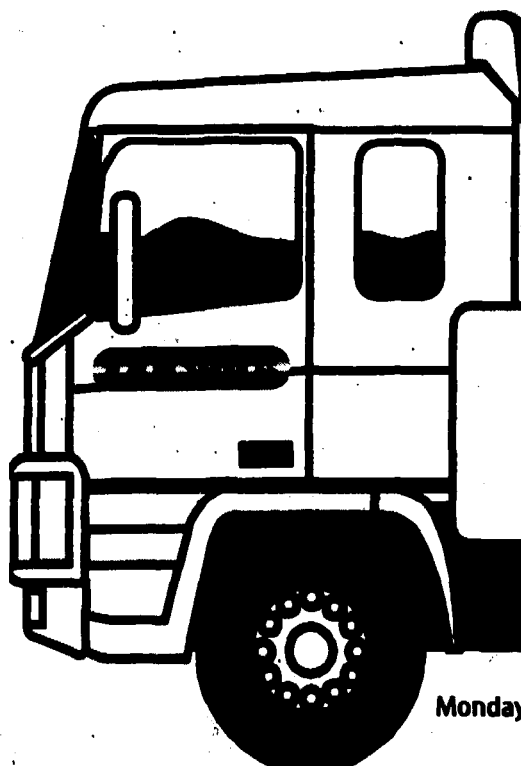
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Ski teams take 2nd, 3rd in league

► Six Vikings earn all-conference honors, including three first-teamers

The Central Alpine Ski Conference ended its season on Thursday, February 22, at Silver Ridge with the league's conference meet. The results of the conference meet and a total of season points factor into the conference championship race.

The conference meet ended just like the season did. Grayling's boys dominated the giant slalom course and Mt. Pleasant's boys and girls dominated the slalom courses.

The Mt. Pleasant boys won the league title, followed by Grayling, Clare, Farwell, Harrison, and Roscommon.

The girls league season ended with Mt. Pleasant in 1st, followed by Clare, Grayling, Harrison, Roscommon and Farwell.

Top skiers for Grayling in the giant slalom (GS) competition were Paul Jansen and Matt Ginther, placing 1st and 2nd. Derek Quick and Keil Clough placed 9th and 13th to give the Vikings a seven-point lead over Mt. Pleasant. Eric Hunter was 15th and Ben McNally took 18th.

The slalom event was again the difference.

"The only way we could win the league championship was for Grayling and Clare both to beat Mt. Pleasant and we had to ski at our very best," Coach Mike Wieland said. "We came close, but one lost ski and it was over."

The GHS boys finished 3rd in slalom behind Mt. Pleasant and Clare. Clare won the slalom event and Mt. Pleasant took 2nd.

Top skiers for Grayling were Ginther, 3rd; Jansen, 11th; Clough, 15th; McNally, 20th; and Hart, 21st. Quick was disqualified.

Four of the Grayling boys received all-conference honors based on season results:

Ginther and Jansen were selected to the first team all-conference in both slalom and giant slalom; Clough was named to the 2nd team all-conference in both events; and Quick was voted to the all-league 2nd team in slalom.

The girls team had a good second half of the season after a slow start, and finished 3rd in the conference. Kelly Jansen and Andria Alvarez were the leading skiers for the team, and the conference coaches honored them with all-conference berths. Jansen was a first team selection in giant slalom, and Alvarez was named



Andria Alvarez skis the slalom course for GHS.

to the second team in GS. Both girls were selected to the second team in slalom.

The GHS girls team finished the dual meet season in 3rd place and held on to end up tying for 3rd in total points with Harrison in the season totals.

At the conference meet, the girls were led by Jansen with a 5th in GS and an 8th in slalom. Alvarez took 10th in GS but lost a ski in slalom and was disqualified. Lesley Gilbert placed 19th in GS and 23rd in slalom. Heather Vandecar was 23rd

in GS and 19th in slalom, Shalee Cox placed 31st in GS and 29th in slalom.

"It has been a good season, with the girls gaining a lot of experience and improving tremendously," said Coach Wieland. "The boys continued to ski well and after three years in the league, have a 30-meets-won, three-meets-lost record. That's impressive in any sport, but when hundredths of seconds and crashes are the rule in skiing, it shows the effort we have had from these athletes over the years."

GHS skiers end league dual season

► Boys ski team beats Roscommon, falls to Mt. Pleasant in a tight race

The GHS ski team competed in its final dual meets of the season at Hanson Hills last Tuesday with races against Roscommon and Mt. Pleasant.

Grayling's girls tied with Roscommon 37-37 and lost to Mt. Pleasant 49-26.

Top skiers for the girls were:

Andria Alvarez, who placed 2nd in both races against Roscommon and 3rd and 5th against Mt. Pleasant for 12 team points; and Kelly Jansen, who also finished with 12 team points, placing 3rd in slalom and 1st in giant slalom (GS) against Roscommon and 4th in both races against Mt. Pleasant. Heather Vandecar placed 7th and 6th against Roscommon and 9th and 8th against Mt. Pleasant. Lesley Gilbert placed 6th and 11th against Roscommon and 7th and 9th against Mt. Pleasant. Shalee Cox placed 10th in all four races.

The girls ended the dual season in 3rd place in the league behind Mt. Pleasant and Clare.

In the boys competition, Grayling started ahead of Mt. Pleasant (16-21) and Roscommon (12-30) in the GS event to take a lead into the slalom race. In slalom, two Mt. Pleasant skiers and one from Grayling were in trouble the first run and Grayling held on for the lead. The last run however, saw another Grayling skier lose a ski and the Vikings ended up dropping the meet to Mt. Pleasant 37-36. The loss moved Grayling into 2nd place in the league standings heading

into the final conference meet. (The Vikings defeated Rosco 22-63.)

The top skier for the boys team was Matt Ginther, who placed 1st in all four races. Paul Jansen had three 2nd place finishes and one 5th. Derek Quick was 4th and 5th against Roscommon and 8th and 9th against Mt. Pleasant. Keil Clough was 4th in both GS races and disqualified in slalom. Ben McNally was 7th in both races against Roscommon and 10th and 11th in GS against Mt. Pleasant. Eric Hunter was 6th in GS against Roscommon and 10th against Mt. Pleasant.

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Junior cheerleaders perform at GHS

During halftime of last Tuesday's JV basketball game in Grayling, 129 young people in grades K-5 took center court for the Grayling cheerleading program's 5th annual cheer clinic.

The junior cheerleaders performed four cheers and a dance routine to "Let's Get Ready to Rumble!"

They learned the material over the course of a four-day clinic held after school.

Four of the girls were presented with "Spirit Awards."

The clinic was led by the GHS varsity cheer team (coached by Chris Burrell), the junior varsity cheer team (coached by Gail Belcher), and the 8th grade cheer team (coached by Kim VanDrese).



Photo courtesy of Gail Belcher

Grayling's junior cheerleaders wrap up their dance routine during halftime of last Tuesday's JV home game against Gaylord. The students learned four cheers and the dance routine over the course of a four-day clinic under the direction of the Grayling High School and 8th grade cheer teams.

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MORTGAGE SALE Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by DENNIS M. BAUSMAN and VICKI L. BAUSMAN, his wife, of 1839 Dewitt Trail, Roscommon, MI 48653, Mortgages, to COMMONPOINT MORTGAGE, Mortgagee, dated the 8th of March, 2000, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 29th day of March, 2000, in Liber 438 of Crawford County Records, page 553, said mortgage having been assigned to THE BANK OF NEW YORK, as Trustee under the pooling and servicing agreement dated as of November 30, 1997, Series 1997-D, said assignment having been recorded in Liber 504, Page 255, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Seventy Two Thousand Three Hundred Three and 43/100 (\$72,303.43), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 21st day of March, 2001 at 10 o'clock a.m. Local Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door entrance of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 13.750% per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Situated in the State of Michigan, County of Crawford and in the Township of South Branch, Being Lot 69, and part of Lot's 60, 61 and 62 of the recorded plat of River Forest, being part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, of Section 21, part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 28, and part of the North 1/2 of section 29, all in T25N, R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as commencing at the Southwest corner of lot 69 for a point of beginning; Thence North 33 degrees 46' West 167.00 feet; Thence North 24, degrees 09' West 82.2 feet; Thence North 50 degrees 18' East 200.00 feet; Thence North 60 degrees 11' East 100.00 feet; Thence South 17 degrees 15' East 37.6 feet; Thence South 32 degrees 40' East 204.74 feet; Thence South 43 degrees 28' West 60.2 feet; Thence 190.5 feet along the Arc of a 9 degree 28'30" curve to the right, the long chord of which bears South 52 degrees 29'30" West 189.71 feet; Thence South 61 degrees 31' West 50.0 feet to the point of beginning.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 1/25/01
THE BANK OF NEW YORK
Mortgage
FABRIZIO & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
JONATHAN L. ENGMAN (P56364)
Attorney for The Bank of New York
888 W. Big Beaver, Ste. 1470
Troy, MI 48064
(248) 269-8684

-8-15-22-1-8

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Paul W. Smith, a married man and Bonnie Smith a/k/a Bonnie M. Smith, a married woman (original mortgagors) to Huntington National Bank f/k/a Empire National Bank, Mortgagee, dated December 16, 1996, and recorded on January 13, 1997 in Liber 423, on Page 620, Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of TEN THOUSAND SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-THREE AND 31/100 dollars (\$10,743.31), including interest at 10.000% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM,

on March 28, 2001.

Said premises are situated in CITY OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:
Lot(s) 3 and 4, Block 6, Martha M. Brinks Second Addition to the Village (Now City) of Grayling, according to the plat thereof as recorded on Liber 1 of Plats, Page(s) 29, Crawford County Records

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 15, 2001
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
248-593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #200025070

-15-22-1-8-15

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by David A. Kohut and Denise Kohut, husband and wife of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgages, to Pines Mortgage Corporation, Mortgagee, dated September 22, 1997, and recorded on September 25, 1997 in Liber 438, on page 480, Crawford County Records, Michigan, which said mortgage was thereafter assigned to Edward A. Rush Trust by assignment dated September 22, 1997 and recorded on October 27, 1997 in the office of the Register of Deeds for said County of Crawford in Liber 440 Crawford County Records, on page 397, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of \$36,411.01 plus \$14.20 interest per day after 2/17/01.

NOTICE BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Beaver Creek Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting March 6, 2001 at 1:00 p.m. at the Beaver Creek Township Hall for the purpose of reviewing the 2001 Assessment Roll. The Board of Review will meet with taxpayers Monday, March 12, 2001, 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Wednesday, March 14, 2001, 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., at the Beaver Creek Township Hall, 8888 S. Grayling Rd., Grayling.

The following are tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Beaver Creek Township:

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	TENTATIVE FACTOR
Agriculture	40.21	1.2435
Commercial	42.12	1.1871
Industrial	49.10	1.0183
Residential	44.74	1.1176

Lee Riley
Township Supervisor

FREDERIC TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To Consider an
Amendment to the Beaver Creek Township Section of the Crawford County Recreation Plan 1997 Update

The Frederic Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 13, 2001, during their regular monthly meeting. The meeting starts at 7:00 P.M. At the Township Hall, Co. Rd. 612, Frederic, MI 49733. 517-348-8778

Please take notice that the purpose of the hearing is to provide an opportunity for public input for the amendment to the Beaver Creek Township Capitol Improvement Schedule in the Crawford County Recreation Plan.

Please take further notice that the Recreation Improvement Schedule may be examined at the office of the township clerk from the date of this notice until and including the date of the public hearing hereon and may be examined at such public hearing.

Nancy Bindschattel,
Clerk

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Michigan, and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp., Assignee by an assignment dated November 18, 1998, which was recorded on April 8, 1999, in Liber 478, on Page 334, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of FORTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO AND 66/100 dollars (\$48,582.66), including interest at 7.500% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on April 11, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF FREDERIC, Crawford County,

Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 6, Block 6, of Merea's Addition, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 9, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 1, 2001
FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL:
248-593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File #200022159

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NOTICE BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BUDGET HEARING

The Bear Lake Township Board will hold a Budget hearing for all township funds for 2001-2002 on Tuesday, March 6, 2001 directly after the regularly scheduled board meeting at 7 p.m.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

The Proposed Budgets can be viewed at the Community Center on Monday, March 5, 2001 from 10 a.m. to Noon or by calling the Clerk at 1-231-258-4359

Carol Rosenberg, Clerk
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GRAYLING TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

Grayling Township's Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. at the Grayling Township Hall, 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Telephone (517) 348-4361.

The Board of Review will re-convene at the same address to meet with tax payers starting at 9:00 a.m. Monday, March 12, 2001, until 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. This year the Board of Review will also be held on Thursday, March 15th from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 17th from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon. Petitioners will be received on a "first-come-first-served basis" and can also protest by mail.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	40.89	1.2228
Commercial	47.64	1.0495
Industrial	49.92	1.0016
Residential	44.49	1.1238

Terry Wright, Supervisor
Monica Ashton, Clerk

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW/BUDGET HEARING/ZONING NOTICE

The Lovells Township Board of Review will hold an organizational meeting on Tuesday, March 6, 2001 at 4:30 p.m.

The Lovells Township Board of Review will meet with taxpayers on Monday, March 12, 2001 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, March 13 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The following are the tentative ratios and factors for all classes of property in Lovells Township.

CLASS	RATIO	FACTOR
AGRICULTURAL	50.00	1.0000
COMMERCIAL	50.00	1.0000
RESIDENTIAL	50.00	1.0000
PERSONAL	50.00	1.0000

The budget hearing for the General Fund, Fire Fund, Landfill Fund, Liquor Fund and Library Fund for fiscal year 2001-2002 will be held at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Lovells Township Board on Tuesday, March 13, 2001 at 7:00 p.m.

The Zoning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals will meet for their regularly scheduled meeting at 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. at the Township Hall on Monday, April 2, 2001.

There is one opening on the Zoning Board for a four year term starting April 1, 2001. Those interested please contact the Lovells Township Supervisor at 348-9215.

Frederick Schaibly
Lovells Township Supervisor

CRAWFORD COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING VACANCY NOTICE

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners are presently accepting applications for a position on the Crawford County Commission on Aging through Wednesday, March 14th, 2001 at 4:00 P.M. Applicants are required to be county residents and requested to have a genuine interest in the lives of all seniors within Crawford County. Applications can be obtained and submitted to County Clerk Sandra Moore at the Crawford County Courthouse 200 W. Michigan Avenue, Grayling, MI 49738.

Sandra Moore
County Clerk/Register of Deeds
February 20, 2001

PUBLIC NOTICE

Crawford County Solid Waste Management Plan

The new Crawford County Solid Waste Management Plan will be available for public comment at the following locations:

- Crawford County Clerks Office
- Crawford County Environmental Office
- All Township Halls
- Grayling City Hall

The public comment period will run for 90 days from the publication of this notice, during which time a public hearing will be held. The hearing date and time will be run in the legal section of the Crawford County Avalanche.

Pat Merrill
Crawford County Environmental Monitor

LEGAL ACTION

NOTICE OF GRAYLING TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE ADOPTION

The following ordinance was presented for comment at a public hearing held on Wednesday, February 14, 2001, at 7 p.m., in the Grayling Township meeting room. After receiving comments, the members of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance.

GRAYLING TOWNSHIP RECREATIONAL PARK RULES AND REGULATIONS ORDINANCE 2001-01

An ordinance to provide rules and regulations for the Grayling Township Recreational Park (Fish Hatchery Nature Park), and provide penalties for the violation thereof.

- Definitions.**
- A. "Fish Hatchery Nature Park" or "the park." Refers to that parcel of land in Township 26 North, Range 3 West, Section 5, currently under lease to Grayling Township from the County of Crawford. The parcel is bordered on the south by North Down River Road, on the West by Roberts Road, on the North by private properties, and on the east by private properties. The park area includes approximately 45-acres of land and is split from north to south by the AuSable River East Branch.
 - B. "Township board" or "the board." Refers to the members of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees. The seat of Grayling Township government is located at 2090 Viking Way, Grayling, MI 49738. (517) 348-4361.
 - C. "Agent or Representative" of the Grayling Township Board of Trustees includes the park manager, township supervisor, or any other person so designated by the township board.
 - D. "Person" or "persons." Refers to any individuals, male or female, singular or plural, firms, corporations, organizations, or any group or gathering of individuals.
 - E. "Vehicle." Refers to all motorized and non-motorized, mechanical means of transportation which have wheels or tracks and hand-controlled steering devices, including, but not limited to cars, trucks, vans, motorcycles, bicycles, scooters, snowmobiles, etc.

Section 1. Park activities

- A. Both active and passive recreational activities are permitted in the park within specifically designated areas at specifically designated times. This shall include playground activities in the fenced-in playground area; fishing in the main stream of the East Branch of the AuSable River as provided by Michigan State law; wading and swimming in the East Branch of the AuSable River; hiking, bicycling, cross-country skiing, and other nature-oriented, non-motorized sports on the trail system; and picnicking in the picnic and pavilion areas.
- B. The Grayling Township Board of Trustees may periodically approve or permit other special events on a temporary basis, and certain areas of the park may be closed to the general public during such events.

Section 2. Preservation of property and natural features

- A. No person shall injure, deface, disturb or defoul any part of the park nor any building, sign, equipment or other property found therein; nor shall any tree, shrub, rock or other mineral be removed, injured or destroyed.
- B. The picking, cutting or removing of any natural or planted vegetation is strictly prohibited, including mushrooms, flowers and berries.
- C. No person shall deposit, permit or suffer to be deposited, in any part of the park, any garbage, ashes, sewage, refuse, waste or other noxious material, otherwise than in receptacles provided for such purposes; nor dump any earth within the park without specific written permit from the township board.

Section 3. Hunting, fishing and molesting wildlife

- A. No person within the confines of the park shall hunt, pursue with dogs, trap or in any other way molest any wild bird or animal found within the confines of the park, or therein rob or molest any bird nest or take the eggs of any bird.
- B. Fishing is allowed in the park only on the main body of the East Branch of the AuSable River, where fishermen must abide by the laws of the State of Michigan and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. No person shall fish in any tributary water of the AuSable East Branch, either natural or man made.

Section 4. General conduct

- A. No person shall, either by word or act, indulge in any noisy, boisterous, disorderly, profane or indecent conduct, or in any manner disturb the peace or good order of the community within the park; nor shall any person play at games of chance, or do any indecent, lascivious, lewd or improper act therein.
- B. No person shall remain within the park who does not abide by conditions adopted and posted by the Grayling Township Board of Trustees for the preservation of good order and the protection of property within the park; and no person shall remain within the park who does not abide by the instructions and directions of duly authorized police officers or agents of the township in the lawful performance of their duties. Any person directed by a police officer or agent of the township to leave the park shall do so promptly and peaceably. No person shall resist or obstruct, or be abusive of, or address in a profane or obscene manner, any police officer or agent of the township.
- C. The use of loudspeakers, public address systems, or sound amplifying equipment is prohibited without permit. Excessively loud radios, televisions or similar devices are also prohibited.
- D. No person shall enter a restroom set apart for the opposite sex except as an agent of the township with proper and timely warning, during the execution of normal maintenance duties. During such times, restrooms will be clearly marked to the general public.

Section 5. Animal control

- A. All dogs, cats, ferrets and other domestic pets shall be controlled and on a leash of no more than six (6) feet long. No controlled animal shall be destructive to other birds and animals.
- B. The riding of horses or other animals is prohibited.

Section 6. Traffic control

- A. No person shall drive, propel or cause to be driven, along or over any road or pathway within the park, any vehicle at a rate of speed greater than ten miles per hour (10 mph); nor shall any vehicle be driven in a reckless manner or in a manner to endanger the life, limb or property of pedestrians, or the drivers or occupants of other vehicles, or any other person.
- B. Motorized recreational vehicles, such as three-and-four-wheeled all-terrain vehicles, motorcycles and snowmobiles are not allowed to operate in the park, except that any vehicle registered to operate on public roads may operate in the parking area.
- C. No person shall park or store any car, motorcycle, bicycle, wagon or other vehicle within the park, except in places designated for such purposes.
 - 1. Designated parking areas include the, a) East Parking Lot, east of the AuSable River and adjacent to the children's playground, and, b) the West Parking Lot, west of the AuSable River and adjacent to the corner of North Down River Road and Roberts Road.
- D. No person shall ride a bicycle; nor any other non-motorized vehicle, within the park, except on designated trails and pathways.
- E. All vehicles within the park shall conform to the laws of the State of Michigan regarding licensing, lights, safety requirements, etc.
- F. Motorized boats are not allowed to operate on any waters within the park, nor are boat owners and operators allowed to launch or retrieve boats from the water at any place within the park.

Section 7. General regulations

- A. **Camping.** No person shall establish or maintain any camp or other temporary lodging place in the park, without specific written permit from the Grayling Township Board of Trustees.
- B. **Fires.** No person shall start a fire in the park, except those contained within specific devices designated for cooking, i.e. portable or permanent grills. During times of high wildfire danger, the township board or its agent may prohibit all fires, including the smoking of cigarettes, cigars and pipes. During such times this temporary regulation will be appropriately and conspicuously posted.
- C. **Alcohol and drugs.** The sale, consumption and/or possession of alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are strictly prohibited within the park.
- D. **Commercial activities.** No person shall sell or offer for sale any article, thing, privilege or service within any park without a permit from the township board, and no person shall do any begging, peddling or soliciting therein. Further, no person shall expose, distribute or place any sign, advertisement, circular, notice or statement, or display an banner, emblem or design, within the park, without specific permit from the township.
- E. **Swimming and wading.** Swimming and wading are allowed only in the main body of the AuSable River East Branch. No person shall swim or wade in any tributary of the AuSable River East Branch, either natural or man made. Bathing in any part of the river or its tributaries is strictly prohibited.
- F. **Firearms.** No person shall at any time, bring into or upon the park property, nor have in his or her possession, nor discharge, or set off anywhere upon said property, a revolver, pistol, shotgun, rifle, air gun, water gun or any gun rifle, firearm or bow or other weapon that discharges projectiles either by air, explosive substance or any other force, provided, however, that this rule shall not apply to any authorized police officer or authorized agent of the township while carrying out the responsibilities and duties of his or her position.

Section 8. Park closings

- A. Hours of operation will be set by the Grayling Township Board of Trustees, as needed, depending on the season and other pertinent factors, including the length of daylight. Normal spring/summer/fall park hours will be 8:30 a.m. until 10 p.m.
- B. The East Parking Lot will be closed and locked at no later than 10 p.m., to reopen again the next morning. All vehicles in the East Parking Lot must leave at closing time unless a written permit for later hours has been issued by the township. The West Parking Lot will be open to the general public during normal park hours and will remain open for the use of fishermen during all other hours.
- C. The entire park, or any portion thereof, may be closed to certain uses during any specified period of time by the township board or agent of the township where it is determined that the physical condition of the park or portion thereof is such that intended use of the park or portion thereof would cause damage and deterioration to the park or portion thereof in a degree greater than ordinary park wear and tear, or that the intended use of the park or portion thereof would create a health hazard or safety hazard to the proposed user or other citizens. During such period of time as the park or portions thereof are closed, these closings shall be prominently posted and it shall be unlawful for anyone to enter upon or occupy such park or portions thereof contrary to the posted regulations.

Section 9. Violation of this ordinance and penalties.

- A. Any person who shall violate any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed \$500.00 and costs and/or imprisonment in the Crawford County Jail for a period not to exceed 90 days.

Section 10. Effective date

- A. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon the publication hereof.

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THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steven Nichols and Jave Nichols, husband and wife (original mortgagors) to Consolidated Mortgage and Financial Services Corporation, Mortgagee, dated October 21, 1997, and recorded on November

13, 1997 in Liber 441, on Page 441, Crawford County Records, Michigan, and was assigned by mesne assignments to Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, One M & T Plaza, Buffalo, NY 14203-2399, Trustee for Securitization Series 1997-5, Agreement dated 12-1-97, Assignee by an assignment dated January 9, 2001, which was recorded on January 17, 2001, in Liber 527, on Page 094, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of **THIRTY-THREE THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED FIFTY AND 33/100 dollars (\$33,450.33)**, including interest at 12.875% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County

Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 AM, on March 28, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel 1: Beginning at a point which is 495 feet North of the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 7 West; thence East 377.2 feet to the right of way of M-72 as now surveyed; thence Northwesterly along said right of way 487.4 feet to the intersection of the County Road right of way; thence Southwesterly along said County Road right of way 492.5 feet to the point of beginning, being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 2 West.

Parcel 2: The North 166 feet on Chase Bridge Road of the following: Commencing at a point 165 feet North of the Southwest corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Northwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, to point of beginning; thence 43.6 feet to right of way of County Road; thence Northeasterly along County Road 332 feet; thence East 188.6 feet; thence Southeasterly to a point 400 feet East of point of beginning; thence 400 feet to point of beginning, being a part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 2 West and a part of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 22, Town 26 North, Range 2 West said parcel is more fully described as Parcel C in the certificate of survey recorded with the Register of Deeds at Book 151, Page 492.

The redemption period shall be 12 month(s) from the date of such sale. Dated: February 15, 2001 FOR INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL: 248-593-1302 Trot & Trot, P.C. Attorneys and Counselors 30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 100 Bingham Farms, MI 48025 File #200027192

-15-22-1-8-15

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dallas D. Wallace, And Gloria G. Wallace, Husband And Wife, to The Provident Bank, mortgagee, dated March 10, 1999 and recorded March 24, 1999 in Liber 477, Page 403, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Twenty - Six Thousand Two Hundred Eighty - Two and 59/100 Dollars (\$26,282.58) including interest at the rate of 12.625% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on April 4, 2001.

The premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot #4: A part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, Town 25 North, Range 1 West described as: Commencing at the South 1/4 corner of said Section 35; thence South 87 degrees 21 minutes 41 seconds East along the South line of said Section 35, 985.23 Feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 87 degrees 21 minutes 41 seconds East along said South Section line 328.41 Feet to the North/South 1/8 line of said Southeast 1/4 of Section 35; thence North 0 degrees 13 minutes 30 seconds West along said North/South 1/8 line 338.72 Feet; thence North 87 degrees 21 minutes 58 seconds West 328.40 Feet, thence South 0 degrees 13 minutes 23 seconds East 338.72 Feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: February 22, 2001 ORLAND ASSOCIATES PC Attorneys for The Provident Bank, As Mortgagee 2501 Rochester Court Troy, MI 48063 (248) 457-1000 File No. 210.0108

-22-1-8-15-22

TO: PROPERTY OWNERS WITHIN 300 FEET RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing of Crawford County Planning Commission will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2001 at 7:00 PM in the Circuit Court Room of the County Building.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to hear comments on:

Case#SU01-01: A request to construct a telecommunications tower.

Petitioner: Traverse Bay Land Co. 3050 Logan Valley Rd. Traverse City, MI 49684

Property Owner: Robert and Florence Nelson 6185 W. Fletcher Rd. Roscommon, MI 48653

The above case refers to the following described property:

T25N R4W Sec 25, Described as the West 1/2 of Northeast 1/4 of Northeast 1/4 of said Section.

Property Code: 20-051-025-001-040-00

Zoning District: RR

All documents are available for review at, and comments should be sent to:

Crawford County Building & Zoning Department 200 W. Michigan Ave. - Annex Building Grayling, MI 49738

SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING & ANNUAL MEETING FOR GENERAL AND SPECIAL FUNDS

The South Branch Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed Township Budget for fiscal year 2000-2001 at South Branch Township Hall, 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653, on March 13, 2001, at 6:30 p.m.; Annual Meeting March 31, 2001, at 9:00 a.m.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the hearing.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the South Branch Township Hall.

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NOTICE SOUTH BRANCH TOWNSHIP

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information and Open Meetings Acts, the Township of South Branch does hereby establish that there will be one (1) regular monthly meeting held by the Township Board as follows:

1. All meetings will be held at the Township Hall, 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon.
2. Meetings will be held on the second (2nd) Tuesday of each month and will commence promptly at 7:00 p.m.
3. Dates of the regular meetings are as follows:

April 10, 2001	May 8, 2001	June 12, 2001
July 10, 2001	August 14, 2001	September 11, 2001
October 9, 2001	November 13, 2001	December 11, 2001
January 8, 2002	February 12, 2002	March 12, 2002

Annual Meeting: March 30, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. A summary of the Adopted Budget for 2001-2002 and Financial Statement for year ending March 31, 2001, are available for public inspection at the South Branch Township Hall located at 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon.

South Branch Township will be taking applications for all job openings that might occur. Please feel free to call the office at (517)275-8232 and ask for Laura and/or Dee.

ATTENTION TAXPAYERS OF FREDERIC TOWNSHIP

FREDERIC -TENTATIVE RATIOS AND FACTORS 2001

101	Agricultural	1,666,000	2,283,443	36.48	1.3706
201	Commercial	1,414,000	1,643,804	43.01	1.1625
301	Industrial	318,100	286,577	55.50	0.9009
401	Residential	32,792,978	37,187,114	44.08	1.1343
501	Timber Cut-Over	780,200	1,472,631	26.49	1.8875
601	Developmental				
	Total Real	36,971,278	42,833,569		
	Total Personal	7,804,600	7,804,549	50.00	1.0000
	Total Township	44,775,878	50,638,118		

The Frederic Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 6, 2001 at 6:00 P.M.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on March 12, 2001 at 3:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. and on March 17, 2001 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

All meetings will be held at the Township Hall, 7564 Co. Rd. 612, Frederic, Mich. 49733

Ronald Lewis Supervisor

LEGAL ACTION

SYNOPSIS BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

Regular Meeting February 12, 2001

The regular meeting of the Township Board was called to order at 7:00 P.M. Board members present: Riley, Balmes, Mobarak, Little and Hartman. There were 7 guests present.

Motion to approve the minutes of the last meetings. Seconded and carried.

Reports given by the Treasurer, Supervisor and Planning.

Twenty-three pieces of correspondence were accepted.

7:30 Hearing
Skyline Road Special Assessment District Proceedings

Motion by Mobarak to allow Balmes to abstain from voting on the following resolution. Seconded and carried.

The purpose of the hearing was the consideration of the assessment roll for the Skyline Road Special Assessment District. The Supervisor invited public comment on the special assessment roll. After everyone present had been given the opportunity to be heard concerning the roll and the Board had fully considered the same and all comments made in connection therewith, a Resolution was offered by Mobarak and seconded by Hartman. It was resolved that the assessment roll shall hereafter be designated as Skyline Road Special Assessment District and shall hereby be confirmed as the assessment roll for the Special Assessment District. The assessments shall be divided into 10 equal annual installments of principal and interest with the first installment to be due on December 2001 and the last on December 2010. Ayes: 5, nays: 0, abstained: 1, Motion passed.

Old Business:

1. Discussion regarding zoning map changes.

2. Motion by Mobarak to increase the total asset levels for residents to \$45,000 in the Poverty Guidelines Resolution update. Seconded and carried. Motion by Hartman to approve the updated guideline amounts as presented. Seconded and carried.

8:00 Hearing
Recreation Plan Update

Explanation and discussion regarding the updating of the action program in our Beaver Creek Township section of the Crawford County Recreation Plan of 1977. Motion by Balmes to accept the action program list as presented with the exception of moving #10 (hard surfaced non-motorized trail) to the #3 spot and letting #3 (irrigation of ball field) become #4 etc. Seconded and carried.

New Business:

1. Motion by Riley to purchase a plotter for \$600 for use in the assessor's office. Seconded and carried.

2. Motion to pay AP bills. Seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.

Sharon K. Hartman
Clerk

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by PAUL W. MCNAMAR AND KIM A. MCNAMAR, HUSBAND AND WIFE, to EMERGENT MORTGAGE CORPORATION DBA HOMEGOLD, A SOUTH CAROLINA CORPORATION Mortgagee, dated September 24, 1997, and recorded on October 3, 1997 in Liber 439, Page 94, CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF EMERGENT HOME EQUITY LOAN PASS THROUGH CERTIFICATE, SERIES 1997-03 by an assignment recorded on November 13, 1997, in Liber 441, on page 454 CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty four thousand two hundred five and 00/100 Dollars (\$64,205.00), including interest at 12.950% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI, at 10:00 AM on April 4, 2001.

Said premises are situated in TOWNSHIP OF GRAYLING, CRAWFORD County, Michigan and are described as:

A part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 8, Town 26 North, Range 3 West, commencing at the Northwest corner of same and running thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes East on the North line thereof 424.5 feet for the point of beginning, thence North 89 degrees 40 minutes East on said line, 232.3 feet; thence 80 degrees 35 minutes West 168 feet to center of roadway; thence North 82 degrees 47 minutes West along same, 234 feet, thence North 0 degrees 35 minutes East, 137.2 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

DATED: March 1, 2001
ATTORNEY FOR: Assignee of Mortgage
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
For Information please call:
(248) 540-7701
FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE REGISTERED Assignee of Mortgage
-1-8-15-22-29

FORECLOSURE NOTICE (All Counties)

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.

MORTGAGE SALE Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lisa M. Hoag, a single woman, Mortgagor to Associates Housing Finance, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company, Mortgagee, dated February 3, 1999, and recorded on March 16, 1999 in Liber 477, page 39, CRAWFORD County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Eighty-Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty and 48/100 Dollars (\$87,860.48) including interest at 9.50% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the

mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on April 4, 2001.

Said premises are situated in Roscommon Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

PARCEL C: That part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 27, Town 25 North, Range 2 West, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section; thence S00°17'37"E, along the East line of said Section and centerline of Leline Road, 632.40 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing S00°17'37"E, along said Section line and said centerline, 347.30 feet; thence N89°17'45"W, 1328.15 feet to the East 1/8 line of said Section; thence N00°20'25"W, along said 1/8 line, 221.14 feet to the centerline of Hickey Creek Road; thence N84°32'05"E, along said centerline, 141.05 feet; thence N55°33'57"E along said centerline, 192.83 feet; thence S89°17'45"E, 1028.21 feet to the point of beginning and all improvements thereon, including a 1999 Dutch-Dutchess Limited 28 x 64 Manufactured Housing Unit, serial number 22752E.

TAX NUMBER: 20-062-027-001-020

NOTICE

The offices of the 46th Circuit Trail Court in Crawford, Kalkaska and Otsego Counties will be closed on Friday, March 2, 2001 for a mandatory, circuit-wide service training.

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING To Consider an Amendment to the Beaver Creek Township Section of the Crawford County Recreation Plan 1997 Update

The Lovells Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 13, 2001, during their regular monthly meeting. The meeting starts at 7:00 P.M. At the Township Hall, 8405 Twin Bridge Road, Grayling, MI 49738. 517-348-9215

Please take notice that the purpose for the hearing is to provide an opportunity for public input for the amendment to the Beaver Creek Township Capitol Improvement Schedule in the Crawford County Recreation Plan.

Please take further notice that the Recreation Improvement Schedule may be examined at the office of the township clerk from the date of this notice until and including the date of the public hearing hereon and may be examined at such public hearing.

Cheryl Hopp, Clerk

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting) on Thursday, March 15, 2001, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, PO Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for furnishing season requirements of the following materials and/or items:

Aggregates - F.O.B Suppliers Pit
Corrugated Plastic Pipe
Corrugated Metal Pipe
Hot Mix & Cold Patch Asphalt
Pavement Striping

All materials must meet current Michigan Department of Transportation specifications. Additional information may be obtained at the office of the undersigned.

Specifications and bid documents may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address. Bids must be sealed in an envelope the clearly marked as to the contents.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive informalities in the bids and to award the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners

Tom Perry, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Ken Riehle, Commissioner

TAXPAYERS OF MAPLE FOREST TOWNSHIP

The Maple Forest Township Board of Review will hold its organizational meeting on March 6, 2001 at 9am.

The Board of Review will meet with the public on;

Mon., March 12, 2001 9am - noon
1pm - 4pm
Thurs., March 15, 2001 1pm - 4pm
6pm - 9pm

All Meetings will be held at the Township Hall, 8996 N. Sherman Rd.

The purpose of these meetings will be to hear petitioners who wish to appeal their assessments, classifications, and to answer any questions pertaining to the tax roll.

CLASSIFICATION	Factor	Ratio
Real Property	50.00	1.0000
Agriculture	50.00	1.0000
Residential	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Personal	50.00	1.0000
Utilities	50.00	1.0000
Commercial	50.00	1.0000

Mark D. Knies
Supervisor
Maple Forest Township

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: February 7, 2001
Associates Housing Finance, LLC
P.O. Box 32965

Knoxville, TN 37930-2965
Mortgagee
Richard A. Green, Attorney
30150 Telegraph Road, Suite 444
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025
(248) 540-7665

-22-1-8-15-22

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Kirtland Community College is accepting bids from printers to print its viewbook. Size: 9" x 12", 16 pages, with die-cut pocket, 4-color and bleed throughout, aqueous coated, 89 images to be drum scanned.

Bids will be accepted until Monday, March 13 at 4:00 p.m. at which time they will be opened and publicly read. For complete bid specifications, call Jim Enger at 517-275-5000, Ext. 266.

CITY OF GRAYLING TAXPAYERS

PLEASE NOTE

The City of Grayling Board of Review will hold its organizational meetings on March 6, 2001 at 5:00 p.m. at City Offices located on M-72 West.

The Board will meet with the general public at the Crawford County Courthouse on the following dates and times:

Monday, March 12, 2001 9:00 am - Noon & 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Wednesday, March 14, 2001 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

2001 TENTATIVE RATIO & FACTORS

Real Class	Ratio	Factor
Commercial	49.28	1.0000
Industrial	49.21	1.0000
Residential	49.68	1.0000

Personal Class	Ratio	Factor
Commercial	50.00	1.0000
Industrial	50.00	1.0000
Utility	49.99	1.0000

Respectively,
Larry D. Hunter
City Assessor
City of Grayling

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON INCREASING PROPERTY TAXES

The LOVELLS TOWNSHIP BOARD of the TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS will hold a public hearing on a proposed increase of .0268 mills in the operating tax millage rate to be levied in 2000.

The hearing will be held on TUESDAY, MARCH 13, 2001, at 7:30 p.m. at the LOVELLS TOWNSHIP HALL.

The date and location of the meeting to take action on the proposed additional millage will be announced at this public meeting.

If adopted, the proposed additional millage will increase operating revenues from ad valorem property taxes 3% over such revenues generated by levies permitted without holding a hearing. If the proposed additional millage rate is not approved the operating revenue will increase by 0% over the preceding year's operating revenue.

IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN BASIC SERVICES OF THE TOWNSHIP, THE TOWNSHIP BOARD PROPOSES TO LEVY AN ADDITIONAL MILL RATE OF .0268 MILLS (2.6 CENTS PER THOUSAND SEV).

The taxing unit publishing this notice, and identified below, has complete authority to establish the number of mills to be levied from within its authorized millage rate. This notice is published by:

TOWNSHIP OF LOVELLS
8405 TWIN BRIDGE ROAD
GRAYLING, MI 49738
517-348-9215
517-348-8437 FAX

NOTICE

There will be an ANNUAL MEETING for the electors of BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP on Saturday, March 17, 2001 at 10 a.m. A special meeting of the township board will be held immediately after the Annual Meeting to pay March bills, adopt the General Appropriations Act and other Resolutions.

Carol Rosenberg, Clerk
(231)258-4359
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BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP NOTICE

The following is the SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS for the 2001-2002 FISCAL YEAR for the BEAR LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD. All meetings start at 7 pm at the BEAR LAKE COMMUNITY CENTER at M-72 and E. Bear Lake Road, Kalkaska County.

March 17, 2001

April 17, 2001
May 1, 2001
June 5, 2001
July 3, 2001
August 7, 2001
September 4, 2001

Annual Meeting 10 am

October 2, 2001
November 6, 2001
December 4, 2001
January 8, 2002
February 5, 2002
March 5, 2002

Carol Rosenberg, Clerk
231-258-4871

A PUBLIC NOTICE FROM THE FREDERIC TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

7564 Co. Rd. 612
Frederic, MI 49733

NOTICE OF CHANGE IN REFUSE SERVICE...

Beginning Tuesday, March 6, 2001 roadside refuse service in Frederic Township will begin. Also be advised, the last day the compactor site located at the township hall will accept refuse will be Thursday, March 8, 2001. Pickup time will start as early as 6:00 a.m. and vary throughout the township.

We thank you for your cooperation and patience during this time of transition. If you should have questions regarding your service, please call Waste Management's Customer Service Department at 1-800-323-9626.

Nancy Bindechattel
Township Clerk

NOTICE South Branch Township Board of Review

Residents and Non-Residents may protest in writing
The South Branch Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, 5245 N. M-18, Roscommon, MI 48653, on the following dates:

Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, March 6, 2001, 6:30 p.m.
To Hear Taxpayer Petitions: Monday March 12, 2001
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.;
Wed, March 14, 2001, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

CLASS	TENTATIVE RATIO	FACTOR
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	50.00	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000

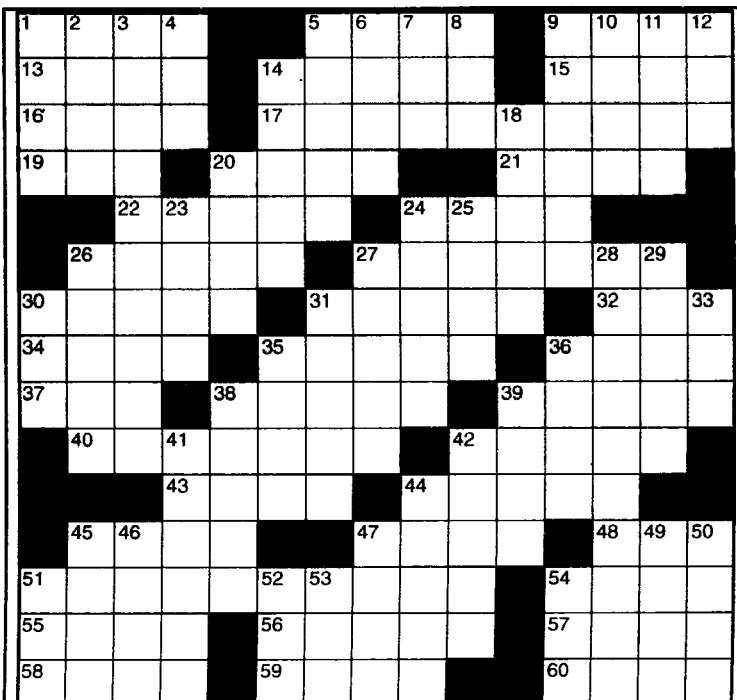
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Laura Smith, Clerk
P.O. Box 606
5245 N. M-18
Roscommon, MI 48653
(517)275-6232

FEATURES

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. Gnathonic one
5. Sell
9. Frontiersman Wyatt
13. Lhasa ____ (dog breed)
14. Four-door car
15. Strike replacement
16. Captain's assistant
17. Ransom demanders
19. Org. explored by the Mossad
20. Shrewd
21. Go higher
22. Yule songs
24. Stickum
26. Type of wave
27. Flapjack-maker's tool
30. Mammonist
31. Come off in chips
32. Model Carol
34. Scrooge's cries
35. Investigate
36. Forever ____ day (2 wds.)
37. Exist
38. Cat calls
39. Completed
40. Helps
42. Aaron Neville, e.g.
43. Egad, e.g.

DOWN

1. Pack down, as tobacco
2. Fall birthstone
3. Flabbergasts
4. She fawns over a fawn
5. Bridal-shop merchandise
6. Author of *Science and Health*
7. ____ Shan (Chinese mountain range)
8. Watson and Crick's model
9. Spotted
10. Tops
11. Lightly cooked

12. TV network
14. Adroitness
18. Stick-in-the-mud
20. Last
23. Poems of tribute
24. Up for ____ (available)
25. Similar
26. Regal topper
27. Radiates
28. People with property
29. Church officer
30. Graduate degree (abbr.)
31. Foam
33. Little child
35. Pique provoker
36. ____ regni
38. '72 convention site
39. Slippery
41. Dirty
42. Uptight
43. Actor Charles
45. Cats' prey
46. *The Faerie Queene* character
47. Show publicly
49. Pagan's statue
50. Gauze weave
51. Gum lump
52. Smog-watching agcy.
53. Gas station's offering
54. Labor gp.

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago March 2, 1978

Janet Kucharek reigned with a royalty unique only to a Grayling Queen. She's shown in the picture above (center) with other members of her court (left to right), Kathy Lynn McPherson, Janelle Gates, Dena Campbell, Queen Kathy, Mary Martella, Linda Hill, Ann Marie Kelly and April Lozon.

Mitch Pieknik of the Arrowhead Inn has announced a benefit Buffalo- Beef dinner for Susie Smith of Grayling who is trying to raise funds for a surgical implantation of a Cerebellar Implant to reduce the symptoms of her Cerebral Palsy.

The Viking Inn has lunch for public, students and teachers. The Home Economics class led by Karen Dipzinski is prepared to serve 48 people a day at Grayling High School. Lunch consists of Meatloaf, a baked potato, corn, jello salad and pie, for \$1.25. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

46 Years Ago March 3, 1955

Miss Myra Annis of Midland spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Homer Annis recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Truettner returned home Friday after spending a three week vacation in South America and the West Indies.

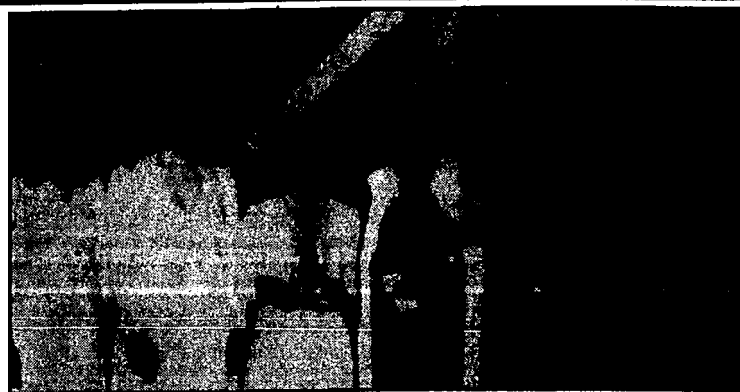
Mrs. Jack Alef entertained several couples at a surprise birthday party Tuesday in honor of her husband. The evening was spent playing bridge and canasta. Fred Bear, well known archer and president of the Bear Archery Company here left Grayling Sunday on the first leg of a trip to French Equatorial Africa for big game hunting with the famous Bear archery equipment.

Rolla W. Brink, 78, of Bartow, Florida and former Grayling resident, was laid to rest in Elmwood Cemetery here Friday afternoon following funeral services in Bay City.

Black and White Grocery offers South African Lobster tails 2 for 98 cents, Apples 10 pounds for \$1.00 and 6 loaves of bread for \$1.00.

69 Years Ago March 3, 1932

Stanley Stephan, student at Ferris Institute, Big Rapids, spent the weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Stephan and family.



Members of the Grayling Queen Court 78'

Miss Nadine MacNeven returned from Mackinac City Sunday to resume her duties at Grayling High School after a week's absence. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. William MacNeven who spent the day here.

Six daughters now grace the Earle Hewitt household, as another girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Hewitt at Mercy Hospital yesterday. Mother and baby are getting along nicely.

Mr. Thompson of the First National Bank of Bay City trust department called at the Avalanche office last week Thursday and assured us that a substantial dividend would be paid the depositors of the Bank of Grayling in April.

92 Years Ago March 4, 1909

Small pox is reported as epidemic in an around Rose City,

and a few cases in Kalkaska, Montmorency and Otsego. Diphtheria in a mild form is reported from several counties. In Beaver Creek about twenty cases are reported cured.

The Michigan Central - fearing a shortage of ice on the southern division of the road, has commenced cutting two thousand carloads at George Lake.

A fine auto arrived here for R. Hanson last week, and Esbern has been breaking the beast for safe driving. It will be perfectly safe in his hands as he has had considerable experience.

The home of George Stephan, eight miles east, on the river was destroyed by fire Wednesday afternoon, with all its contents. Mrs. Stephan was at home alone, and could do nothing after its discovery on account of the terrific wind. It is a sad loss.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Potato Cheese Puffs

1 cup water
1/2 cup butter
1 tsp Dijon mustard
1/2 tsp garlic salt
1/4 tsp dried marjoram
1/8 tsp pepper
1 cup flour
4 eggs
3/4 cup shredded Gruyere cheese
3/4 cup shredded sharp cheddar
2 tbsp fresh chives
1/2 cup leftover mashed potatoes

Preheat oven to 400°F. Heat water, butter, mustard, salt, marjoram and pepper in a medium heavy saucepan until butter is melted and water is simmering. beat in flour, mixing vigorously until mixture forms a ball and no longer sticks to the sides of the pan. Remove from heat and set aside for 10 minutes. Beat in eggs one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in potatoes, cheeses (reserving 1/4

cup for the top) and chives. Drop teaspoonfuls onto a well greased baking sheet and sprinkle with reserved cheese. Bake for 18 to 20 minutes or until puffed and golden brown. Turn off oven and crack oven door. Let stand for 15 minutes before removing from oven.

Makes about 36 puffs.

HOROSCOPES

For the week of
March 5 thru March 11

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):

The opportunity to understand what motivates you to do the things you do is apt to present itself this week. Chances are you spend far more time pursuing your ambitions than considering what fuels them. However, understanding yourself in this regard can prove useful, especially when you feel creatively blocked. Once you recognize what you want, movement towards your goals will flow freely.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20):

Rather than fighting to keep your emotions under control, consider sharing your affections and romantic side with someone special. A Full Moon brings the opportunity for you to connect on a much deeper level with yourself and with others. Perhaps it's been a long time since you initiated a romantic interlude, or maybe telling someone you love them is long overdue. Take this to heart this week, especially if you have a family. Kids love bursts of affection and unexpected fun!

GEMINI (May 21-June 21):

Expect your emotional side to be most prominent during the week. Feelings of self-doubt and old pain that might be linked to your childhood will likely interfere with your common sense. Regardless of your innate intellectual power, you are also a sensitive person. You have a very fine line to walk. Too much on one side will see you restless and stifling your emotions. Too much on the other can bring depression and a sense of martyrdom.

CANCER (June 22-July 22):

Take care that old issues don't dominate your emotional state this week. While your deep sensitivity is often one of your more endearing qualities, it can also be your own worst enemy. It's vital for you to find effective ways to cope with your emotions. As situations change and you grow, you may find the need to explore new ways to handle things. Strive to avoid falling into traps like martyrdom or feeling sorry for yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

Given your creative energy and drive, a specific avenue in which to direct them will be essential this week. Managing your pride or ego is bound to be challenging. Swinging between extremes of self-doubt and over confidence are common for you. By knowing yourself and your abilities, as well as limitations, you take steps toward creating a better balance in your life. Try not to lose sight of the areas that you need to strengthen.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Expect the opportunity to explore your intuitive self this week. Most Virgos are practical in their approaches, with the exception of romantic feelings. Yet, your innate intuition can add to your abilities to make sound judgements. As abstract as this can be, your gut feelings about things and people are apt to be right, and you'd be wise to take heed. Love can be a dangerous thing for a Virgo, as you can get carried away with generosity and giving of yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23):

As a Libra, it can often be easier for you to indulge in and express your intellectual nature. However, equal weight given to your emotional side is essential for creating balance within. You'll see things flow with a sense of order and focus. The relationships that you attract will also be expressive and more balanced. On the flip side, denying or suppressing your emotions can attract chaos into your life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21):

Many Scorpius turn towards scientific evidence and facts when it comes to determining what makes the cut as truth. Your sharpness of mind, ability to probe and investigate, in combination with your intuitive nature, enables you to realize a great deal. Emotions on the other hand, can take time to embrace and manage. Breaking free of secrecy and emotional isolation can be challenging, yet the rewards for you will be enormous. Share your feelings with someone. Allow yourself to trust and to openly express yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

Feeling scattered and unable to focus on a specific course of action is a regular occurrence for a Sagittarian. Part of this can be a result of mixed emotions having free rein. However, another challenge can be in knowing which of your talents to indulge. Determining a single avenue to develop can seem almost impossible. Rather than trying to accomplish this, consider shorter bursts of focus on individual tasks.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

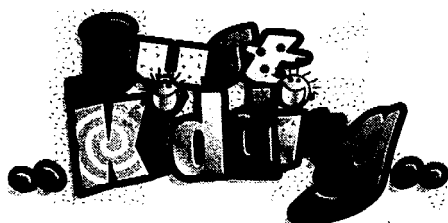
Developing your ability to be more flexible can really help you. It's likely that you are quite set in your ways. You probably have a specific approach to handling things, and aren't too fond of veering off of this beaten path. If the approach you've always taken doesn't work, it's time to be more flexible and to try something different. Your inventive and creative abilities will be strong. This can be an opportune time to explore alternative ways of doing things.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

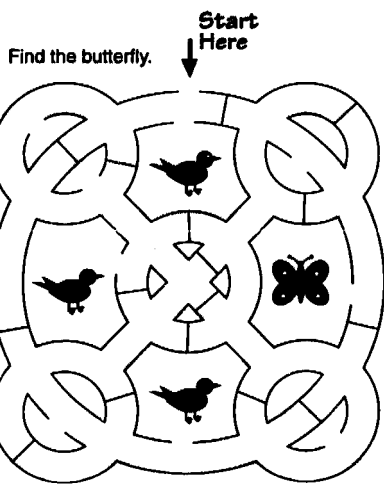
Your sense of idealism serves you well in many regards. It can enable you to reach beyond conventional confines, and to make things happen that seem impossible. Yet, under some conditions, this can also be your undoing. Confusing reality with delusion thinking can see you emotionally hurt and confused. If you find yourself feeling down and without your usual confidence, it won't be surprising. It is essential for you as an Aquarian to keep yourself grounded, especially where relationships are concerned. Your usual strength of mind, creativity, and distinct individualist will return full force.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):

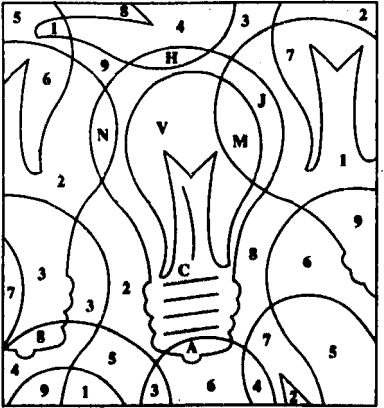
A powerful week is ahead of you, enhancing your sensitivity, intuition, and romantic feelings. In fact, this may be so much so that you find yourself feeling overwhelmed and somewhat out of control. Learning to manage your emotions is essential art of being a Pisces, and it is bound to be challenging at best. You will need to employ your best strategies for handling your feelings. Making plans to share time with trusted friends or engaging in your favorite artistic endeavors can make all the difference for you.



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Adopt a Pet

Hurry! There's only two of us left. (1 boy and 1 girl). We are a Dachsund Mix, and both still just puppies. We would love a home with someone to play with us and give us lots of love.

ANIMAL SHELTER NEWS

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County needs walkers to give its dogs regular exercise and human contact. The best time would be from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. any morning of the week.

As of February 22, there were 27 dogs and 13 cats at the shelter. There have been many adoptions by area residents and the Canine Stray Rescue League. Not one healthy, adoptable animal has been euthanized in the past six weeks. In order to keep this track record going, individuals and families are encouraged to adopt one of the beautiful dogs and cats now residing at the shelter.

The ASCC is a private, non-profit corporation that relies heavily on donations. If you would like to donate, please make your check or money order payable to Animal Shelter of Crawford County. Indicate if your donation is for Operations (daily expenses) or Project Fund (a new shelter) and send it to: ASCC, P.O. Box 384, Grayling, MI 49738.

Donations that are currently needed: towels, blankets, dog and cat treats and toys, kitty litter, tennis balls, paper towels and snow shovels to help clear snow and ice from kennels and walking paths.

The Animal Shelter is located at 508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East), between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall. Winter hours are 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday-Saturday and 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Sunday. The phone number is 348-4117.



WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling



Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the U.S. Excite Weather)

Wednesday- Chilly, with more Sun than Clouds. High 24, Low 12.
Thursday- Chilly with many Clouds. High 29, Low 12.
Friday- Cool, with Many Clouds. High 31, Low 7.
Saturday- Cool, with many Clouds. High 36, Low 21.

Date	H	L	Snow	On Ground
2/21	25	7	1 1/2	22"
2/22	14	-17	1/2	22"
2/23	22	-8	2	22"
2/24	21	9	1	23"
2/25	41	11	1	21"
2/26	46	11	1	20"
2/27	32	16	1	19"

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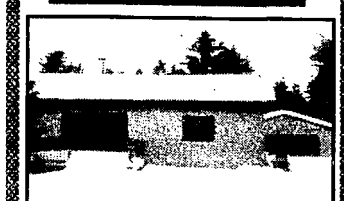
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Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

GRAYLING Three bedroom, two car garage. Newly remodeled - \$75,900, \$300 down, we pay all closing costs up to \$4,500. Must have good credit. Northwood Land Co. 517-732-6152 (-15-22-1-8/1)

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Century 21
RIVER COUNTRY REAL ESTATE



Almost totally new, is this 2 bedroom ranch home located in a quiet subdivision and with private access to the Manistee River. 32 feet of kitchen-living room area, very nice oak kitchen cabinets and a 2 car brand new garage, plus all of the exterior is maintenance free, offering all vinyl siding. Very cheery and bright is the feel of the interior. Immediate Occupancy. #4733 \$64,900 Ask for Debbie Bondar!

Office 348-5474 • Home 348-1136

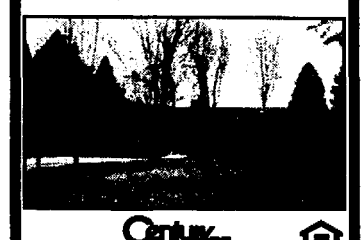
1. Real Estate

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99tf/1)

HOME FOR SALE Four bedroom, two bath, attached garage. 4912 Dawn Drive. \$89,000. 616-458-8038. (1/11/01tf/1)

Over 2,000 sq. ft., quality built, brick ranch in a quiet setting with a stunning view of the AuSable River.

Features are: 125' frontage on the main stream with dock, 4 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, living room with large fireplace, 22x21 family room & large dining room. Adjoining 3 acres - is available to the purchaser of this property. On this additional property is a 40x56 garage with 2-10' doors & 2-7'x9' doors plus a 2 car garage & more! #4541 \$168,000 Ask for Connie Winans!



River Country Real Estate • 2375 S. I-75 Bus. Loop (517) 348-5474

1. Real Estate

HOUSE FOR SALE Three bedroom, two bath, large living room with cathedral ceiling. Energy efficient heating system. Low heat and utility bills. Large wooded double lot. 2 1/2 blocks from Lake Margrethe. Close to ski park and snowmobile trails. \$79,500. 517-348-2855. (LR3/22/01/1)

NEWLY BUILT Three bedroom home, 1 1/2 bath, two car garage on 2 1/2 acres. \$87,000. 517-348-4840. (-1-8-15-22/1)

GOLF COURSE BUILDING LOTS for sale. Lifetime golf and ski memberships included. All lots are one to two acres. \$29,000 to \$49,000. Skyline Ski and Country Club. 517-275-5445 (4/20/00tf/1)

10 ACRES on the pipeline next to old apple orchard. \$40,000. 517-545-2893. (-15-22-1-8/1)

2. For Rent

TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT Non-smoking, no pets. \$475 month plus. 517-348-4840. (-1-8-15-22/2)

1. Real Estate

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on I-75 Bus. Loop, 1750 sq. ft., HVAC, 220 3 phase, 2 restrooms. Presently a restaurant. Call 517-422-4681

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NEW BUSINESS or office space for rent. 1 1/4 miles west of I-75, exit 244. Well traveled highway, Roscommon. 517-821-5995. (LR4/12/01/2)

TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX One car garage located on M-72 West in Viking Village. \$625 month plus security deposit. Includes trash pick up, snow removal, lawn maintenance, refrigerator, dishwasher, stove, washer and dryer. Utilities are not included. No pets. Call M-F, 8-4 at 231-946-6661 ext. 108. (3/1/01tf/2)

500 SQUARE FEET available in Grayling Mall. Excellent location for office or small retail space. Call 517-348-2554. (-15-22-1-8/2)

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TWO BEDROOM DUPLEX 1290 square feet, one car garage located on M-72 West in Viking Village. \$650 a month plus security deposit. Includes trash pick up, snow removal, lawn maintenance, refrigerator, dishwasher, stove, washer and dryer. Utilities are not included. No pets. Call M-F at 231-946-6661, ext. 108. (3/1/01tf/2)

VERY NICE THREE BEDROOM two bath home at Lake Margrethe. Non-smoking, no pets. \$550 per month plus security deposit and references. Call 517-348-8627. (2/22/01tf/2)

TWO BEDROOM HOME in town. Newly remodeled. \$450 month plus utilities, references. Call 517-348-2473. (-1/2)

MOBILE HOME Very clean older two bedroom. Newer paint and carpet in wooded setting at 11004 N. Old US 27, two miles south of Waters. Reduced to \$415 per month plus \$300 security and utilities, no pets. Toll free 877-227-6976 or weekend and holidays at 231-526-5211. (3/1/01tf/2)

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2. For Rent

CABIN AT LOST ACRES 11010 N. Old 27. Cabin #3 features 1 room, appliances, shower, heated. \$295 per month, no pets. Toll free 877-227-6976 or weekends 231-526-5211. (2/22/01tf/2)

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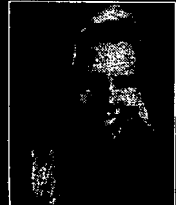
BEDROOM FOR RENT Enjoy peaceful solitude and country living in this AuSable River Home, surrounded by woods and wildlife. \$300 month. All utilities are free, including kitchen. Cable TV, telephone, library, hot tub, laundry and more. 517-348-2083. (-22-1/2)

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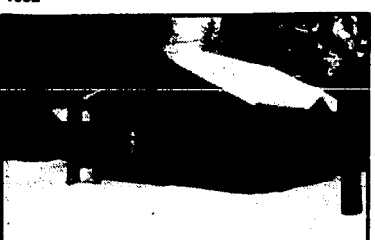
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Lake Margrethe Access. 1 1/2 story Saltbox, 3 B/R, 1 3/4 bath. 23 ft. vaulted ceiling in kitchen-dining-living room. Sunroom, six sliding glass doors. New fireplace, 11 x 13 balcony, 4 skylights, extensive ceramic tile, carpets, painting. Family room with bay window. Renovations scheduled to be completely 3-1-01. Stove, refrigerator, microwave, dishwasher, washer & dryer included. \$98,900 CH-1288



THE PERFECT RENTAL INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY. This three unit triplex is located on the main branch of the famous AuSable River, in the heart of Grayling. Conveniently centered near schools, shopping and medical facilities, it has the ideal location. The three units are approximately equal in size, 580 square feet. Each has one bedroom, a spacious bathroom, a dining room, kitchen combination and a large living room. \$118,000 CS-1082



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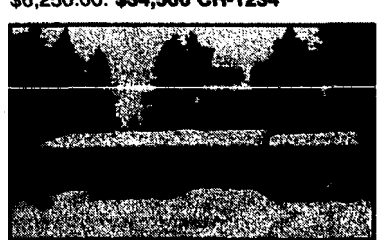
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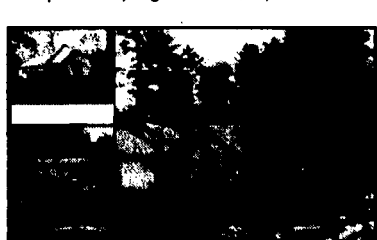
10661 ALPINE. New 2 B/R, 816 s.f., cottage located in Warblers Hideaway. Ceramic tile kitchen & bath, hardwood floors in hallway. Insulated crawl space, ice and water shield installed. Storage building. \$59,900 CH-1280



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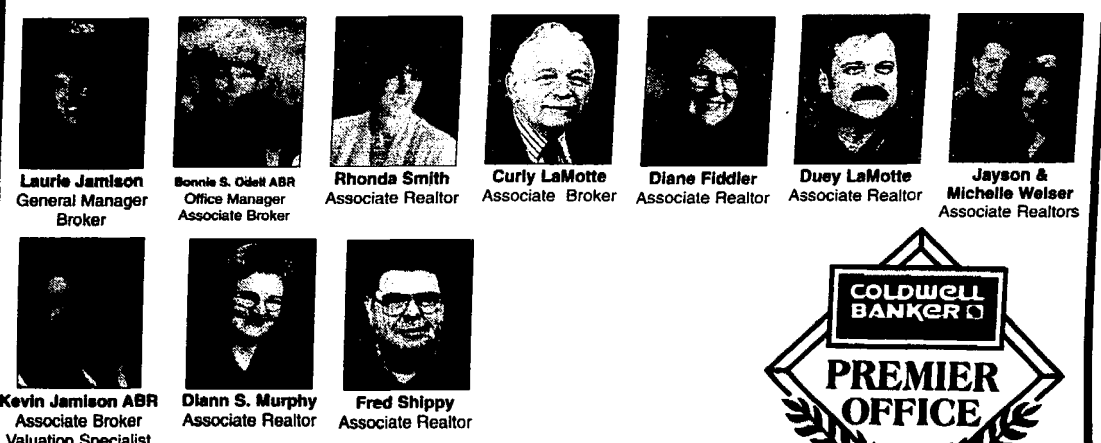
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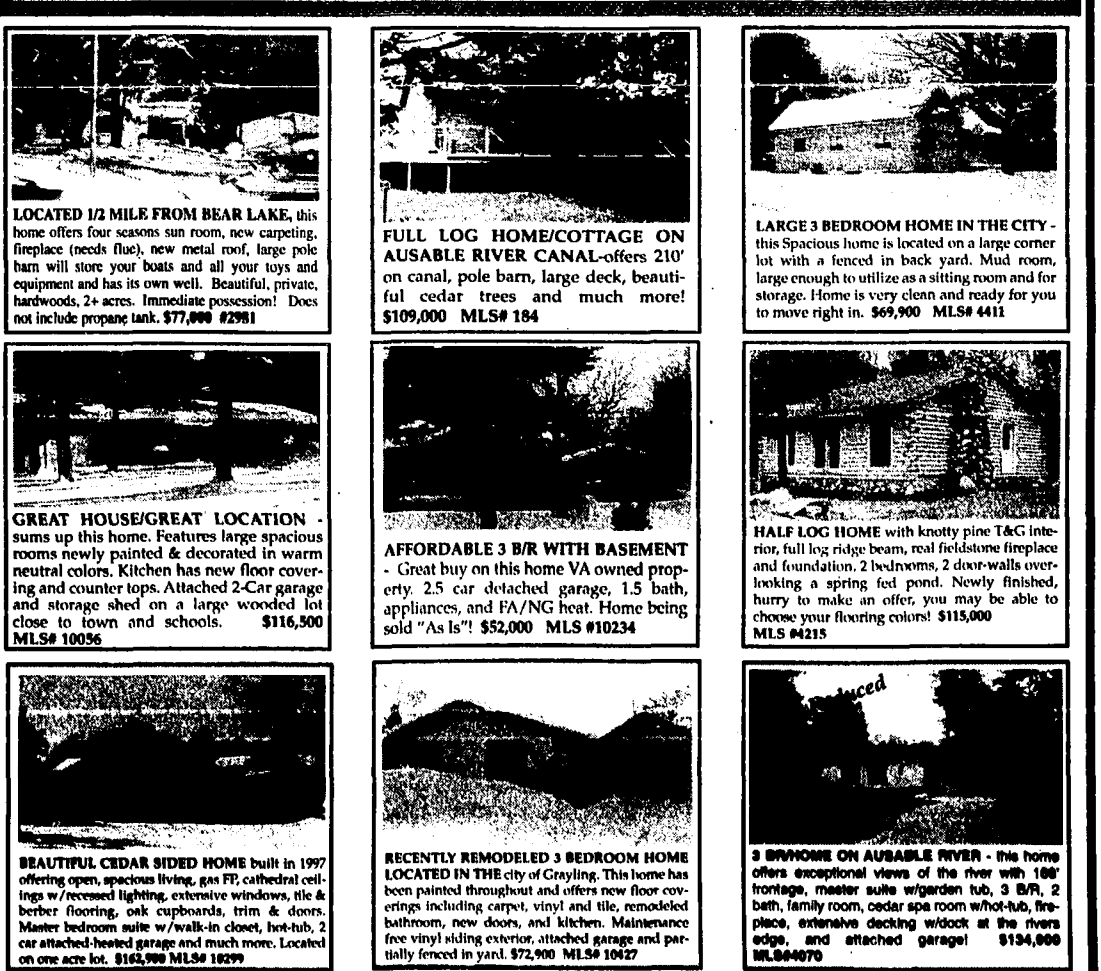
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RIVER FOREST FAMILY APARTMENTS at the corner of Hannah and Ballenger St. in Roscommon is updating the waiting list for one, two, three and four bedroom units. Rent based on income with subsidy. Barrier free units in building. Applications at office on site or call 517-275-4061 or 517-354-2424. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin Street, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-22-1/2)

2. For Rent

RIVERVIEW SENIOR APARTMENTS 306 Knight Street in Grayling is updating the waiting list for one and two bedroom units. Persons must be 62 years or older, handicap and/or disabled of any age. Rent based on income with subsidy. Barrier free units in building. Applications at office on site or call 1-800-225-7982. Managed by Stratford Group Ltd., 442 W. Baldwin Street, Alpena, MI 49707. Equal Housing Opportunity. Hearing TDD # 1-800-855-1155. (-22-1/2)

2. For Rent

BEDROOM FOR RENT in Sherwood Forest. \$300 monthly utilities included. Call 517-344-1169. (-1-8/2)

SMALL TWO BEDROOM HOME in Roscommon. \$300 per month plus deposit. Located at 303 S. Fifth St., Roscommon. Call Northwood Rentals 517-344-8787. (2/15/01)(2)

3. Employment

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I am a busy Insurance Executive who needs someone to personally learn all aspects of my business. That person must be able to make decisions, be of good moral character, and eager to learn. He or she will be involved in all areas of sales operation and could go into management. Sales experience will help, but is not necessary. I am primarily looking for attitude and personality. Many company fringe benefits are available, with an opportunity to earn up to \$50,000 first year. This position offers unlimited upward mobility for someone who is a hard worker and is determined to succeed. To schedule a confidential interview, please call Shannon Nelson (231) 947-4390

3. Employment

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SERVERS, KITCHEN STAFF Experience preferred, will train. Apply in person at Fred's of Roscommon, 426 N. 5th Street, Roscommon. (-22-1-8/3)

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3. Employment

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KIRTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE is seeking individuals interested in occasional work as a substitute auxiliary services worker in the college cafeteria, bookstore, and switchboard on a call-in basis. Pay rate is \$8.24 per hour. Applications will be accepted until March 15, 2001. Please contact the business office at 517-275-5000, ext. 239 to request an application or visit our website at <http://www.kirtland.cc.mi.us/hr>. Kirtland Community College is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer. (-1/3)

INSTRUCTOR Kirtland Community College is seeking applications to fill a full-time (34 week) faculty position in the area of English pending approval by the board of trustees. The successful candidate will be able to effectively teach all phases of the college's writing program: developmental writing, composition I and II, and writing lab. Master's degree in English, developmental writing or related field; minimum three years successful experience teaching writing classes (graduate teaching experience will be considered.) Position to be paid at a rate determined by the 1999-2003 master agreement (2001-02 masters salary range \$34,552 to \$57,061. Applications will be accepted until March 31, 2001; starting date August, 2001. For a complete position description, visit our web site at <http://www.kirtland.cc.mi.us/jobposts> or call 517-275-5000, Ext. 239. Kirtland Community College is an equal employment opportunity/affirmative action employer. (-1/3)

ATTENTION: WORK FROM HOME! \$500-\$2,500/month PT \$3,000 - \$7,000/mo FT. FreeBooklet: 800-657-0112. www.liveyourdreamscentral.com (-1-8-15/3)

3. Employment

WORK THREE DAY WEEK-END for 40 hours pay. Some hours worked from home. On call responsibilities negotiable. Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice has a immediate opening for a full-time weekend RN. One plus years of professional nursing experience required. Homecare experience preferred. Must have well-developed assessment skills and enjoy working independently. Contact Maureen Hayes at 1-800-424-1457 or send a resume to 125 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Fax 517-348-3234. Mercy Amicare Homecare & Hospice is committed to achieving diversity in the workplace and is an equal opportunity employer. (-1/3)

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QUALITY MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST Provides assistance in risk/infection control data collection, analysis and distribution. Coordinates Infection Control Program including monitoring, surveying and prevention of infection. Prepares JCAHO and other regulatory surveys. Coordinates efforts to assure quality clinical outcomes and reduce the risk of exposures to Community Health Care Systems. Current RN license in Michigan, BSN preferred. Minimum 3-5 years clinical setting experience with data collection, interpretation and understanding clinical practices required. Project management and computer skills required. QI and epidemiology training preferred with certification within two years. Qualified candidates may apply to Mercy Hospital Human Resources Department, 1100 Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. 517-348-0528. (-1/3)

GROWING BUSINESS NEEDS HELP! Work from home. Mail-order/E-Commerce. \$522 per/week PT. \$1,000-\$4,000/week FT. KnowledgeToSucceed.com (800) 686-5915. (-22-1-8/3)

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Cabin located at 11010 N. Old U.S. 27, south of Waters. \$375 per month, plus \$150 security deposit. Furnished, includes all utilities, no pets. **CABIN #3 STUDIO UNIT** with appliances, twin bed \$295 per month, plus \$150 security. Weekdays toll free 877-227-6976 or weekend 231-526-5211

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Corner of I-75 Bus. Loop & M-72 E. Grayling

This home is truly a "Must See to Appreciate". 222' on the AuSable River offering 4 B/R, FR, 1.5 B, 2165 Sq. Ft., 2 FP, appliances, patio, sprinkler system, new roof, and priced below appraised value-instant equity! MLS# 10295 \$189,900

Duane LaMotte Associate Realtor

Century 21 River Country Real Estate

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Excellent starter or retirement home within walking distance to the schools, hospital and downtown area. New metal roof, new vinyl siding, new hot water tank, new drywall, new carpeting and many more features. Ready to move into. Offers 2nd lot adjoining. Very nice back yard plus an enclosed front porch. #4741 \$54,500 Ask for Debbie Bondar!

Transitory hideout! 2, possibly 3 bedroom cottage w/full bath; 2 major appliances; large backyard w/firepit & built-in benches; storage shed; single garage w/storage overhead & fenced in dog kennel attached; all on an acre & a half, bordering State land & located on a paved maintained road. #4721 \$45,000 Ask for Chelle Warners!

Cozy Country Living just outside the Grayling City Limits! Unique Barnwood interior throughout. A wet bar that you'll have to see to believe. Perfect for that single person or couple who like to entertain!! #4715 \$18,500 Ask for Scott Hanson!

This home offers 2-3 bedrooms, 1 bath, 2 car garage on 1.25 acres. Home is a fixer-upper with good possibilities. Adjoins State Land. #4732 \$29,900 Ask for Bob Pollack!

FINE QUALITY WORKMANSHIP THROUGHOUT! Stunning entrance into the 16 x 28 "Great Room" with beautiful Cedar Cathedral Ceilings. A large snack bar divides the living room from the kitchen. The spacious Oak Kitchen is a Chef's "dream come true!" Offering lots of cabinet space & counter area to work on, along with some nifty features such as slide out trays, 2 Lazy Susans & Appliance Garage! Purple Oak Flooring, & Slate at the entry ways, solid oak doors throughout and very well insulated. Exceptional Home! #4716 \$125,000 Ask for Connie Winans!

Enjoy this beautiful, 2.3 acre secluded setting on 498' of the Big Creek. Home adjoins 80 acres of Consumer's Power owned property, nestled along the bank of a prime trout stream, this 2 bedroom, 1 bath home is maintenance free and offers a real up north feel. Home currently has two tax id numbers. 2nd parcel has a mobile home pad in place and a 2nd well and septic. #4731 \$114,900 Ask for Randall Hartley!

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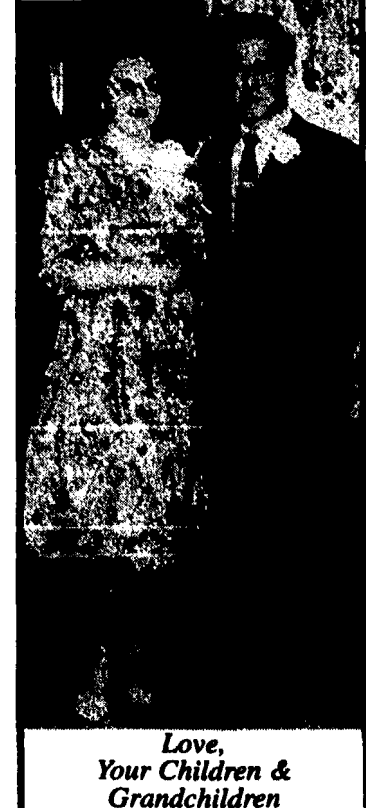
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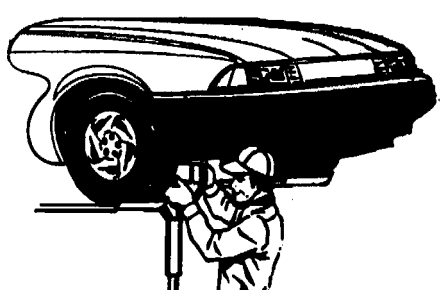
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Budding writers who love tall tales have a chance to win a free trip to the Great Lakes Aquarium (GLA), America's only all-freshwater aquarium and science center, which opened last July and is located on the shores of Lake Superior in Duluth, Minnesota.

The GLA's Fish Tales Writing Contest is the first since the Aquarium's opening last summer. "As a place that exists to make learning about freshwater resources and habitats fun, we wanted to have a writing contest that encourages

creativity and even humor in story writing," said Ann Glumac, president of the Aquarium. "So, send us the biggest fish tale we've ever heard! The only requirement for contestants is that they weave a freshwater theme or setting into their tall tale."

Younger writers might want to explain why the heaver has a flat tail or how the perch got its stripes. Adult or high school-age writers might want to place their story at a lake or river setting or to have the characters engaging in a freshwater

pursuit, such as swimming, boating or fishing.

The contest is divided into five age categories: Early Elementary (through third grade level, 200 word maximum entry); Young Writers (grades four through six, 400 word limit); Junior High (grades seven through nine, 600 word limit); High School (grades 10-12, 800 word limit); and adult writers (1,000 word limit). The entry fee is \$3 and entries must be postmarked no later than March 31, 2001.

Winners will be announced in mid-May, when the Governor's Fishing Opener kicks off the fishing season with Governor Jesse Ventura seeking out walleye on Minnesota waterways.

First place winners in each student category and a parent or guardian and the adult winner and one other person will be flown to Duluth, courtesy of Northwest Airlines, to visit the Great Lakes Aquarium. Winners will also tour the offices of Lake Superior Magazine, a magazine and book publishing company that focuses on the Lake Superior region, and meet with editors and writers there. Some

of the winning entries will be published in the magazine.

Entries will be judged based on creativity, clarity, storytelling ability, use of the freshwater theme and overall strength of the story. Judges include:

Babe Winkelman, host of "Good Fishing" and "Outdoor Secrets," nationally syndicated television shows; Don Shelby, WCCO-TV anchorman and reporter in Minneapolis who has his own benefit bass tournament and who has taught writing classes for years; Konnie LeMay, editor of Lake Superior Magazine; Jim Northrup, author of "Walking the Rez Road;" Professors from the University of Minnesota-Duluth and the University of Wisconsin-Superior.

Rules for the contest are available from Great Lakes Aquarium via e-mail, info@glaquarium.org, or Fish Tales, Great Lakes Aquarium, 353, Harbor Drive, Duluth, MN 55802. Download contest rules from the Aquarium's web site at www.glaquarium.org.

Fax GLA at (218) 740-2020 or call (218) 740-2014 to have a copy of the rules sent to you.

Warbler Festival seeking artists and crafters

The Kirtland's Warbler Festival Committee is sending letters and applications to art and craft exhibitors across Michigan inviting them to participate in the Nature Art and Craft Fair, a regular feature of the 8th Annual Festival set for Saturday, May 19 on the campus of Kirtland Community College.

The Fair will feature juried arts and crafts comprised of wood carvings, paintings, ceramics, sculpture, fibers, wearable art, and all aspects of original art with a nature or

wildlife theme. The entry fee is \$40 per space (10' x 10'). The deadline for receiving applications is April 16, 2001. Persons interested in receiving a letter and application to participate in the Fair should contact Deb Near, Arts and Crafts Coordinator, Kirtland's Warbler Festival, c/o Kirtland Community College, 10775 N. St. Helen Rd., Roscommon, MI 48653 or call (517) 275-5000 Ext. 388 or via e-mail at neard@kirtland.cc.mi.us

The festival celebrates the annual return of the endangered Kirtland's Warbler from its winter home in the Bahamas to its nesting ground in northern Michigan's Jack Pine and AuSable river ecosystem. The event attracts visitors from throughout the United States who come to catch a glimpse of the rare bird in its nesting habitat. Last year's Festival attendance reached 2,500 according to Linda Barnes, Festival Chairperson.

Festival activities include nature and wildlife presentations by nature experts, Kirtland's Warbler tours, a featured artist, photographer, and presenter, live entertainment, nature tours, children's activities, outdoor skills demonstrations, refreshments, a juried fine arts exhibit, and many more attractions. It is supported by many public and private organizations, businesses and individual citizens from Kirtland's four county district.

There is no admission fee to the Festival, however visitors are requested to make a \$2 per vehicle parking donation.

Community Foundation's spring grant season opens

The Crawford County Committee of North Central Michigan Community Foundation (NCMCF) has grant applications available for their spring grant cycle. Mini grant requests for up to \$300, and common grant requests for up to \$2,500 will be considered. The grant screening committee intends to fund as many projects as possible throughout the county.

The ORCA Youth Advisory Council (YAC) will also be accepting grant applications during this cycle. The YAC will be accepting both mini grant and common grant requests.

Applicants must be recognized as or sponsored by a non-profit, charitable organization with 501(c)3 status, or by a school or governmental body. Deadline for applications is March 31, 2001. Determinations will be made within 70 days of the application deadline.

Information, guidelines, and applications are available by calling (517) 275-3112, or by stopping in at the NCMCF's office at 701 Lake Street in Roscommon, located inside the front of Bank One.

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